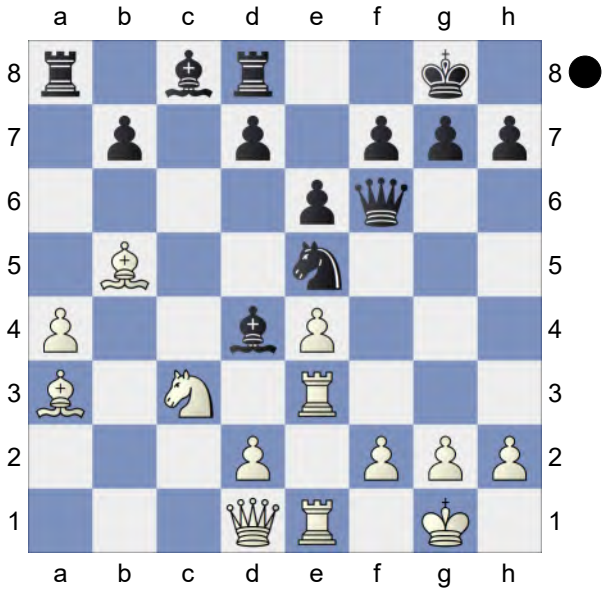
The Rossolimo Sicilian
300 Reference Games

Chess Notes 2025

1 **B30**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,M.** **2738**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2785**
GCT Finals 2025 (1.7) 30.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.a4 Bc5 10.b4 White is slightly better. **10...Ba7 11.b5 Ne5 12.cxd4** -0.99/24
[12.d3= 0.30/23 keeps the balance.]
12...Bxd4∓ 13.Ra3 Qf6→ -0.50/24
Black mounts an attack.
[13...0-0!∓ -1.25/22 14.Be2 d5 15.bxa6 dxe4 *(15...bxa6 16.d3∓)*]
14.Rae3∓ axb5 0.06/26
[14...0-0∓ -0.53/23]
15.Bxb5 -0.46/22
[15.Nc3= 0.06/26]
15...0-0! 16.Ba3! Rd8 17.Nc3 -2.06/23



b6 -0.68/21
[17...d6!-+ -2.06/23 18.R3e2 Ng4]
18.Qe2 -2.13/23 **Bxe3-+ 19.fxe3 Bb7** -1.38/23
[19...d6-+ -1.91/24 20.d4 Ng6]
20.Rf1 -2.17/25
[20.Bd6∓ -1.38/23]
20...Qg5 21.Bd6 Bc6 22.h4? -3.18/28
[22.Bc7∓ -1.32/24]

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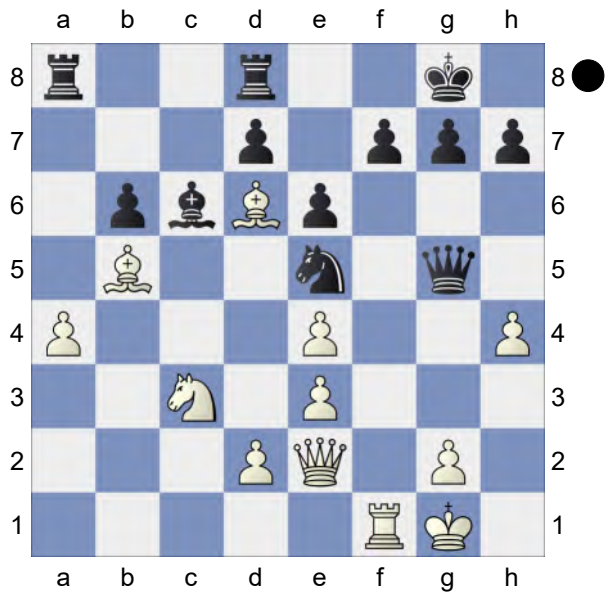
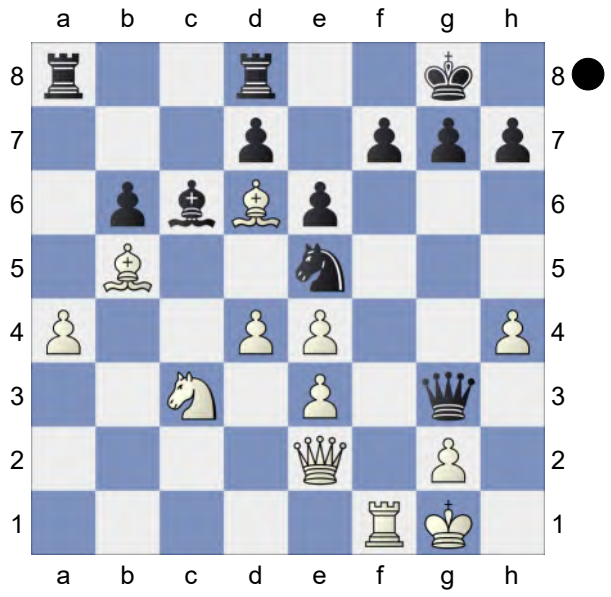


22...Qg3!
[22...Qxh4 23.Bxe5 Bxb5 24.Nxb5± *(24.Qxb5? Ra5-+; 24.axb5 d6±)*]
23.d4



Nf3+! Discovered Attack **24.Qxf3 Qxd6 25.Qxf7+?** -5.00/5
[25.d5 -2.97/24 exd5 26.exd5 Bxb5 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Nxb5]
25...Kh8 26.e5 -6.95/29
[⌓26.Bxc6 -4.72/26 dxc6 *(26...Qxc6? 27.Rc1-+)* 27.Ne2]
26...Qa3 27.Bxc6 dxc6 28.Nd1 Re8
[28...Qxa4? 29.Qxe6 c5 30.Nb2∓ *(30.Nc3? Qa3-+)*]
29.Qc7 Qxa4 30.Qxb6 Qc2 -2.57/27
[⌓30...Rf8 -5.57/27 (→ ...Rxf1+) 31.Nf2 Qc2]
31.Qb2 Ra2 -1.29/24
[31...Qg6-+ -2.92/26 is more deadly. 32.Qc1 Rec8]
32.Qxc2∓ Rxc2 Endgame KRR-KRN
33.Nf2 Re2 34.Rc1 -2.51/26
[34.Ne4∓ -1.37/27 was necessary.]
34...Rc8? 0.01/27
[34...Rxe3-+ -2.51/26 Strongly threatening ...Rc8. 35.Rxc6 Rd8]
35.Rc3= h6 36.Nh3 Rb2 0.59/30
[36...g5= -0.01/28]
37.Nf4± Kg8 38.Nxe6 Kf7 39.Nf4 Ke7? 2.23/24
[39...g5± 0.41/24 40.hxg5 hxg5]
40.h5+- Rb7? 4.99/26
[40...Kd7 2.37/26 41.Ra3 Rcb8]
41.Kf2 White is clearly winning.
41...Rbc7 7.12/24
[⌓41...c5 4.84/25 42.dxc5 *(42.Rxc5 Rb2+ 43.Kf3 Rxc5=)* 42...Rb5]
42.Kf3 Kd7 43.Ke4 c5 44.d5 Rb7 45.Kf5 c4 46.e6+ Kd6 47.e4 Rb3 17.14/28
[⌓47...Rf8+ 5.05/23 48.Kg4 Rc8]
48.e5+ Kc5 49.Rc1 Rf8+ 50.Ke4 c3 51.Nd3+ Kc4 52.e7 Ra8 53.d6 aiming for d7. **53...Rb7 54.e6** 12.12/21
[⌓54.Nf4 31.76/23 Re8 55.Nd5]
54...Rb6 55.Ne5+ What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=1.17 **55...Kc5**
1-0

2 B30
□ **Ethereal14.40 3618**
■ **Stockfishdev-20250802-a37b38b**
TCEC 28 Premier 2025 (8.3) 03.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

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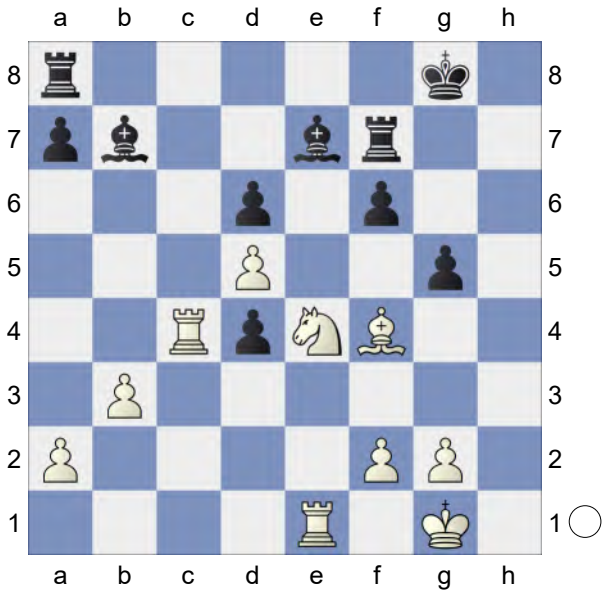
12.Bg5 d6 13.Qd2 f6 14.Be3 g5 15.h4 gxh4 16.Nxh4 Ng6 17.Nxg6 hxg6 18.Rac1 Rf7 19.Qd3 Qa5 20.d5 Qa6 1.49/26
[⌓20...exd5 1.04/25 21.Qd2 *(21.exd5 Bf5±)* 21...Qd8]
21.Qd2± cxd5 22.exd5 e5 23.Ne4 Bf8 24.Bh6 Be7 25.Rc6 Qa4 26.b3 Qd4 27.Qxd4! exd4 28.Bf4 White has more active pieces. **28...Bb7 29.Rc4 g5**
[Of course not 29...Bxd5 30.Rxd4 Bxe4 31.Rdxe4± *(31.Rexe4 Rd8+-)*]



30.Bd2
[30.Bxd6 f5+-]
30...Bxd5 31.Rxd4 Bxe4 32.Rexe4
[Resist 32.Rdxe4 Bd8±]
32...f5 33.Re3 f4

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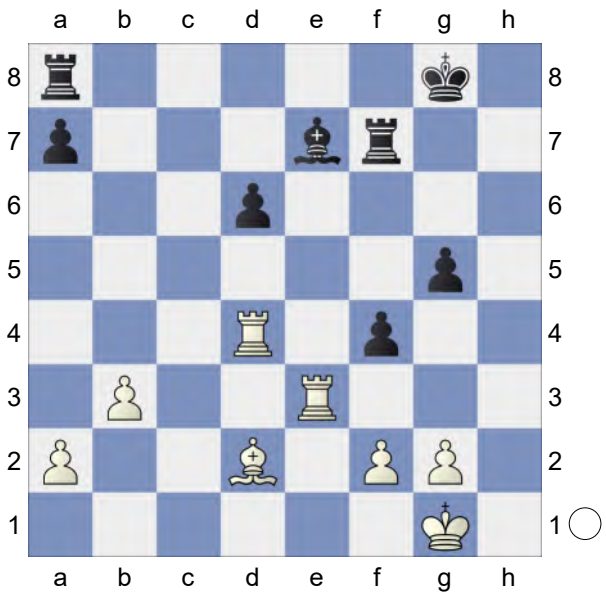

34.Red3 Rd8 35.g3 fxg3 36.Rxg3 Rf5 37.Rdg4 d5 38.Bxg5 Rxg5 39.Rxg5+ Bxg5 40.Rxg5+± Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **40...Kf7 41.Kf1** Hoping for Ke2. **41...Ke6 42.Ke1 Kd6 43.Rf5 Kc5 44.Rf7 a5 45.Rf4! Re8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=0.04 (flawless) **46.Kd1**
½-½

3 **B30**
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4.Ba4 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.c3 e6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Bxc6 bxc6 White is better. **9.cxd4 Nf6 10.e5 Nd5 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Re1 a5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.b3 Ba6 15.Ba3 Rfc8 16.h4! Bh6 17.Ng5 Qd8** Against Be7 **18.Qd2 Bf8 19.Bxf8 Qxf8 20.Rac1** White is more active.
[20.Qxa5?! h6 21.Nh3 Rc2=]
20...Qb4 21.Qe3 Kg7

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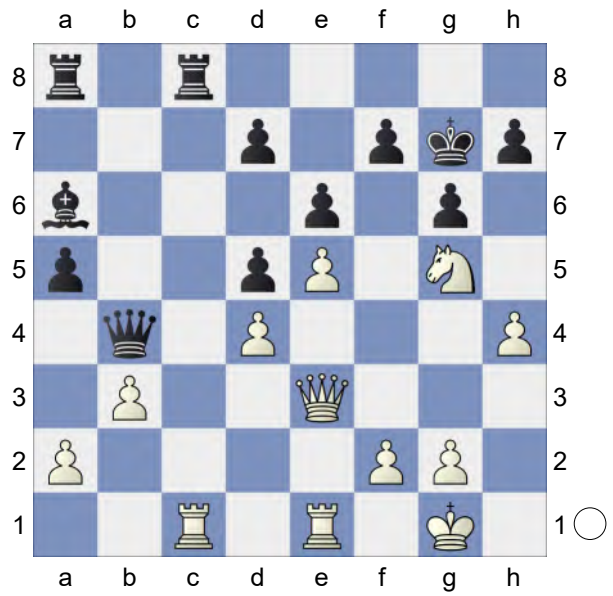

22.h5! h6 23.Nh3 Kh7 24.Kh2 g5 25.f4! Rxc1 26.Rxc1 gxf4 27.Nxf4 Qe7 28.Rc5 Qh4+ 29.Kg1 Rc8 1.86/29

[29...Rg8± 1.36/27]

30.Rxc8+-

[30.Rxa5?! Be2 31.Qd2 *(31.Nxe2 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Qxa5=)* 31...Bxh5±]

30...Bxc8 Endgame KQB-KQN **31.g3**

[31.Qf2 Qg5=]

31...Qg5 32.Qd3+ Kg7 33.Kg2! Qd8 34.Qd2 Ba6 35.Nh3! f5 2.47/26

[35...d6 1.76/25]

36.Nf4 1.23/27

[36.Kh2+- 2.47/26 and White stays clearly on top.]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

36...Kf7? 3.51/28

[36...Qb6± 1.23/27 is a better defense. 37.Qf2 Qd8]

37.Ng6 Kg7 Wards off Qxh6+ **38.Qc2 Qb6 39.Qc5 Qb4 40.Kf3! Kf7**

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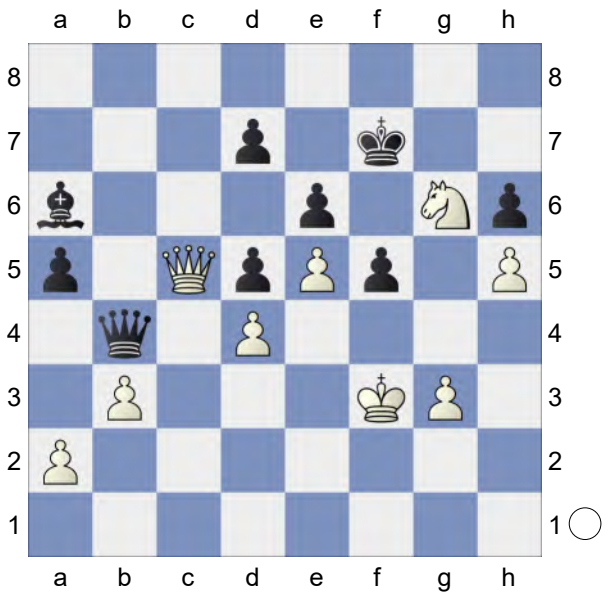

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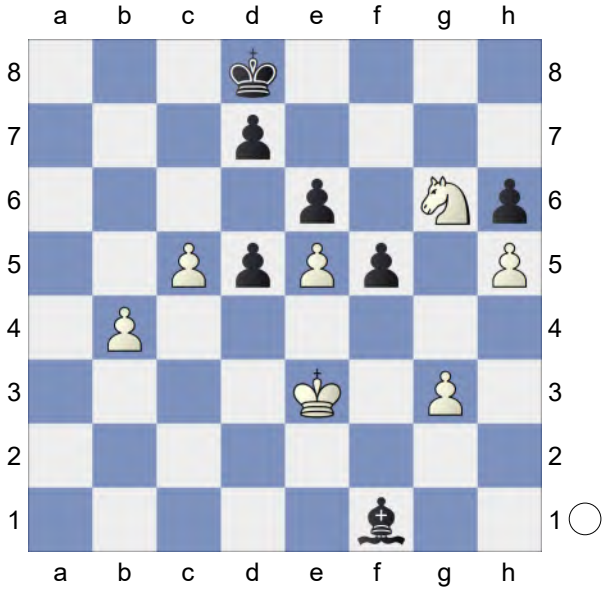
42.dxc5 KB-KN **42...Ke8 43.Ke3 Kd8 44.b4 axb4 45.axb4 Bf1**



46.Kf2! Bc4 5.41/30

[⌓46...Bh3 3.71/28 47.Nf4 Bg4]

47.Nh4 d4 6.63/32

[⌓47...Kc7 4.66/29 48.Nf3 Bd3]

48.Nf3 d3 49.Ke3 Kc7 50.Nd4 Kc8 51.b5 Kb7 52.Kd2 Kb8 53.b6 Kb7

54.Kc3 Ka6 55.Nf3
[55.Kxc4? d2 56.c6 dxc6 *(56...d1R? too greedy. 57.cxd7 Rc1+ 58.Kb3+-; 56...d1Q? 57.b7-+)* 57.Nxc6 d1Q-+ *(57...d1R? 58.Nd4-+)*]
[55.b7 Kxb7 56.Kd2 *(56.Kxc4? d2-+)* 56...Bd5∓]
55...Bd5 56.Ne1 Kb5 57.Nxd3
[And not 57.Kxd3 Kxc5 58.Ke3 Kxb6∓]
57...Bf3 58.Kd4 Ka6 59.Nf4 Kb7 60.Ke3 Bg4 61.Kd2 Bf3 62.Kd3 Bg4 63.Ke3 Bd1 64.Ne2 Bc2 65.Nd4 Bd1 66.Nf3 Bc2 67.Kf4 Bd1 68.g4 fxg4 69.Nh2 Be2 70.Nxg4 Kc6 71.Kg3 Kb7 72.Nxh6 4.62/25
[⌓72.Kh4 13.32/26 Bxg4 73.Kxg4]
72...Bd1 16.44/22
[⌓72...Bxh5 4.62/25 73.Kh4 Bf3]
73.Ng4 And now h6 would win. **73...Kc6 74.Nf6 Be2 75.h6 Bd3 76.h7 Bxh7 77.Nxh7** KN-KPP **77...Kb7 78.Kf4 Kb8 79.Ng5 Kc8 80.Ne4 Kb7 81.Nd6+ Kb8 82.Kg4 Ka8 83.Kg5** Intending Kg6 and mate. **83...Kb8 84.Kf6 Ka8 85.Ke7 Kb8 86.Kxd7 Ka8 87.c6** White mates. **87...Kb8 88.c7+ Ka8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.24 (precise) **89.c8Q# 1-0**

4 **B31**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2779**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (10.6) 14.09.25
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[20...Rxc4= 0.10/25 21.dxc4 Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Rxe3 23.Qxe3 *(23.fxe3 Qh4±)* 23...Bf5 *(23...Qxb2 24.Qe7±)*]
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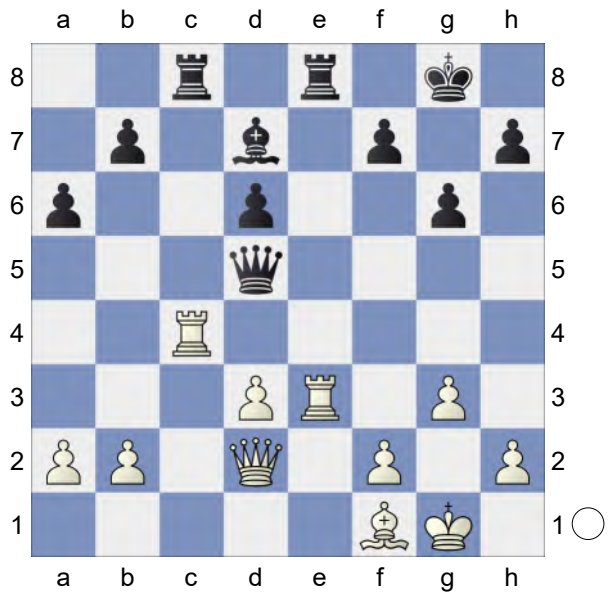


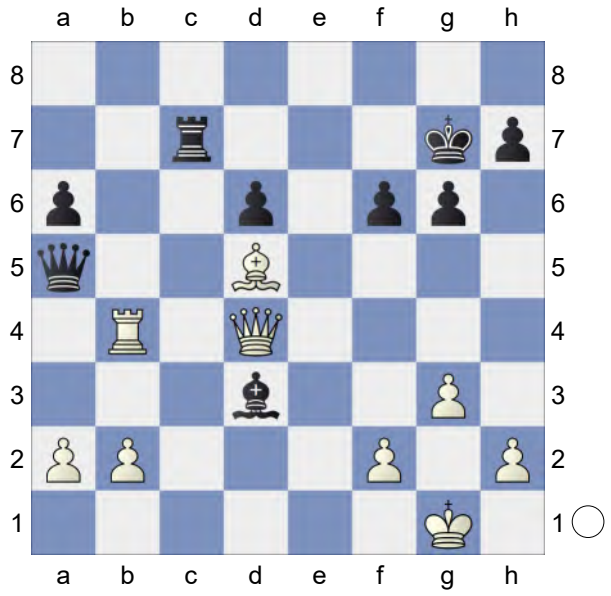
and ...Rxc4 should not be overlooked **23.Bg2 Qb5 24.Rb4 Qa5 25.Bxb7 Rc7** 1.51/24

[⌓25...Rb8 1.10/23 26.Rxe8+ Bxe8]

26.Rxe8+± Bxe8 27.Qe1 Bb5 28.Bd5 Kg7 29.Qe4 and Qd4+ would now be decisive

[29.Bc4 simplifies h6 30.Bxb5 axb5 31.a3]

29...Bxd3 Deflection **30.Qd4+ f6**



31.a3!↑ White is in control. Black cannot hold the game after this. **31...Be2** 3.16/25

[31...Bf5± 1.50/22]

32.h3 Qc5 33.Qe4 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Qf1 8.02/24

[34...Qc5 2.22/23]

35.Qe3+- White is clearly winning. **35...Bb5 36.Re4** White threatens Re7+ and mate. **36...Kh8 37.Qd4 Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.45 **38.Rf4**

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5 **B31**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

■ **Carlsen,M.** **2839**

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[Kitty Kat]

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[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz

Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.e5 Nh6 7.0-0 Nf5 8.Re1 The position is equal. **8...Nd4 9.h3** Prevents Bg4 **9...Nxf3+** 0.75/20

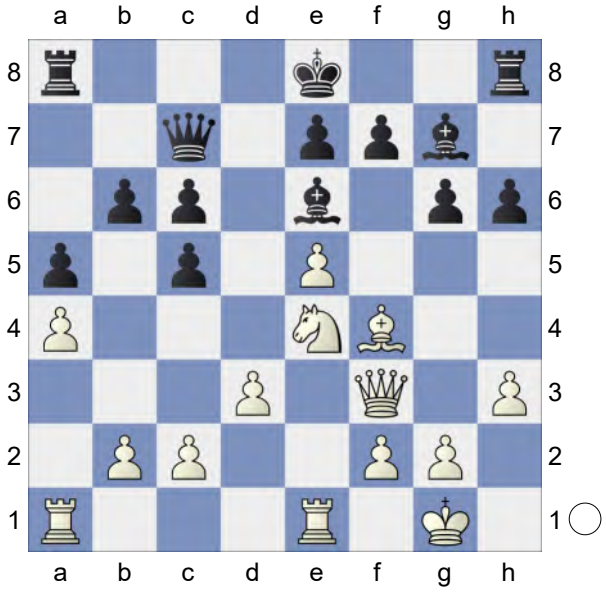
[9...Bg7= 0.22/19]

10.Qxf3± Bg7 11.Bf4 Strongly threatening e6!. **11...Be6 12.a4 a5 13.Nd2 h6 14.Ne4** -0.10/22

[14.Nc4± 0.68/20]

14...b6 0.99/19

[14...Bxe5= -0.10/22 15.Bd2 b6 *(15...Bxb2 16.Rab1±)*]



15.Nf6+! Kf8

[15...exf6? 16.exf6 Qd7 17.fxg7+-]

16.Ne4 Rd8 17.b3 0.37/22

[White should try 17.Bg3± 0.83/19]

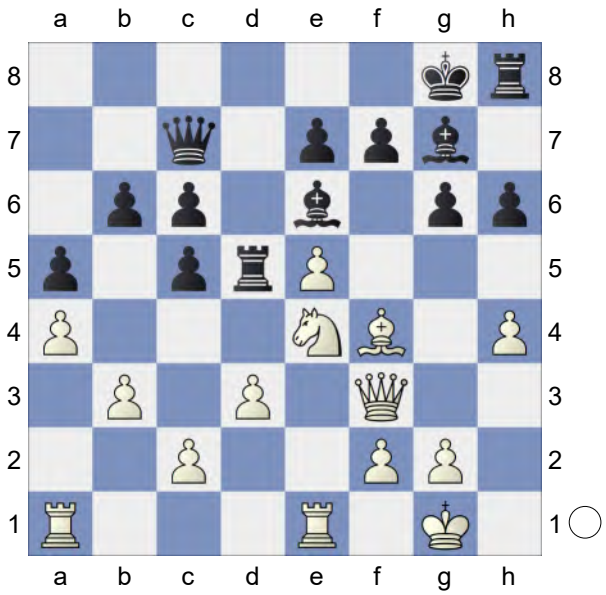
17...Kg8 0.94/20

[17...Bxe5± 0.37/22 18.Nxc5 Bxf4 19.Nxe6+ fxe6]

18.h4 Rd5? 2.64/21

[18...Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qxe5 20.Ng5]

[18...Kf8± 0.87/19]



19.Nc3? 0.01/21

[White must play 19.Nf6+!+- 2.64/21 exf6 20.exf6 Discovered Attack]

19...g5!= 20.Bg3

[20.Nxd5? perishes. Bxd5 21.Qg3 gxf4 22.Qxf4 f6-+]

[20.hxg5 hxg5 21.Bg3 *(21.Nxd5? Bxd5 22.Qg3 gxf4-+; 21.Bxg5 Rxe5 22.Bf4 Reh5∓)* 21...Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Bxe5]

20...gxh4 Deflection **21.Bxh4 Rxe5 22.Bg3 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Qd7 24.Be5** -0.40/24

[24.Ne4= 0.19/22]

24...Bxe5!∓ 25.Rxe5 Qd4↑ Black has some pressure. **26.Qg3+ Kh7** 0.01/22

[Black should play 26...Kf8∓ -0.53/23 27.Ne2 Qd6]

27.Ne4? -8.68/24

[27.Ne2= 0.01/22 Qa1+ 28.Kh2]

27...Rg8? -2.99/25

[27...Qa1+ -8.68/24 28.Kh2 Rg8 29.Ng5+ Rxg5 *(29...hxg5? 30.Rxg5*

Rxg5 31.Qxg5-+) 30.Rxg5 hxg5 31.Qxg5 Qf6 32.Qxf6 exf6]

28.Qf4? -9.14/23

[28.c3 -2.99/25 Qd5 *(28...Rxg3 29.cxd4 Rxd3 30.dxc5∓)* 29.Rxd5 Rxg3 30.Rd8]

Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.74/Black=0.47

28...Rg4

0-1

6 **B31**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2779**

12th Sinquefield Cup (7.5) 25.08.2025

[Kitty Kat]

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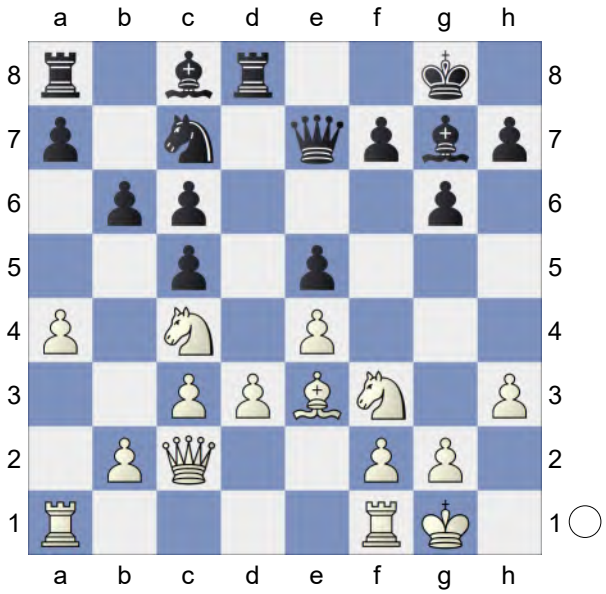
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.a4 0-0 The position is equal. **10.Nc4 Ne8 11.Be3 Nc7 12.h3 Rd8 13.Qc2 b6**



14.b4 -0.22/23 **cxb4= 15.cxb4 Na6! 16.Bd2 Nxb4 17.Bxb4 Qxb4 18.Ncxe5 Qd6** Prevents d4. **19.d4** -0.73/21

[19.Nxc6= -0.29/24 Qxd3 20.Qc1]

19...c5∓ 20.Rfd1 Bb7 -0.74/21

[20...Be6 -1.23/23 Strongly threatening ...Rac8. 21.a5 Qc7]

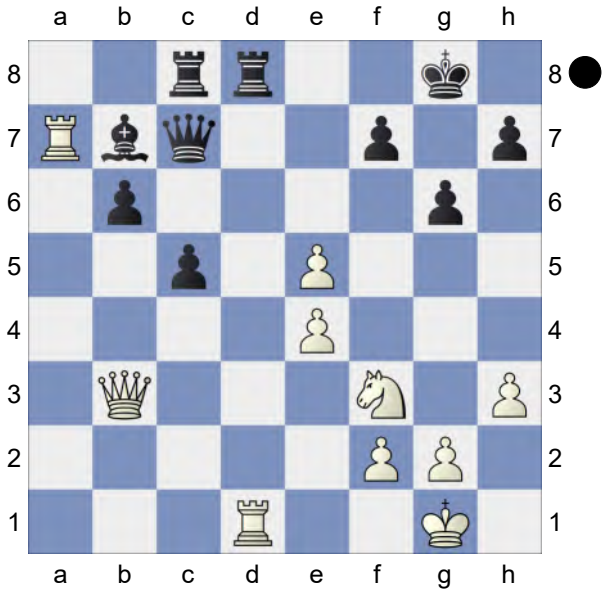
21.a5 Rac8 22.Qb3 Qc7

[22...Bxe4? 23.Qxf7+ Kh8 24.Qxa7+-]

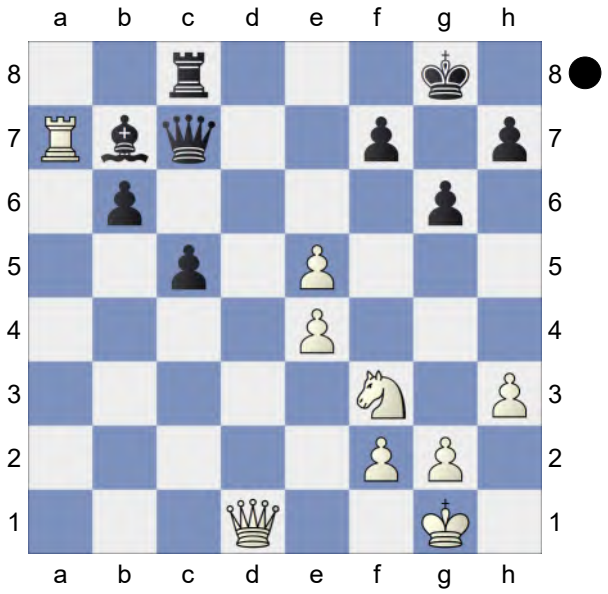
23.axb6 axb6 24.Ra7 Hoping for Qxf7+!. **24...Bxe5! 25.dxe5** -4.12/23

[25.Nxe5∓ -1.05/25 nothing else works. Rxd4 26.Rxd4 cxd4 27.Qxf7+

(27.Nxf7? Qc1+ Zwischenzug 28.Kh2 Qf4+ 29.Qg3 Qxf7-+) 27...Qxf7 28.Nxf7]



25...Rxd1+? -1.34/20
[25...c4!-+ -4.12/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8]
26.Qxd1



c4 -0.47/22
[Better is 26...Rd8!∓ -1.03/24 27.Qc1 b5]
27.Qa4 -4.52/23
[27.Qd6!∓ -0.47/22]
27...c3 -2.28/22
[⌓27...Qc6 -4.52/23 28.Qxc6 Bxc6]
28.Nd4? -6.06/25
[28.Ne1 -2.28/22]
28...Rd8-+ Black is clearly winning.
29.e6 fxe6 30.Rxb7 Qxb7 31.Nxe6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.35 **31...Qd7**
0-1

7 **B30**
□ **Duda,J.** **2729**
■ **Andreikin,D.** **2710**
Titled Tue 16th Sep 2025 blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
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4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Nd7 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 White is slightly better.

8...Bg6 9.Nc4 b5 10.Ne3 -0.08/19

[10.Nce5± 0.59/20]

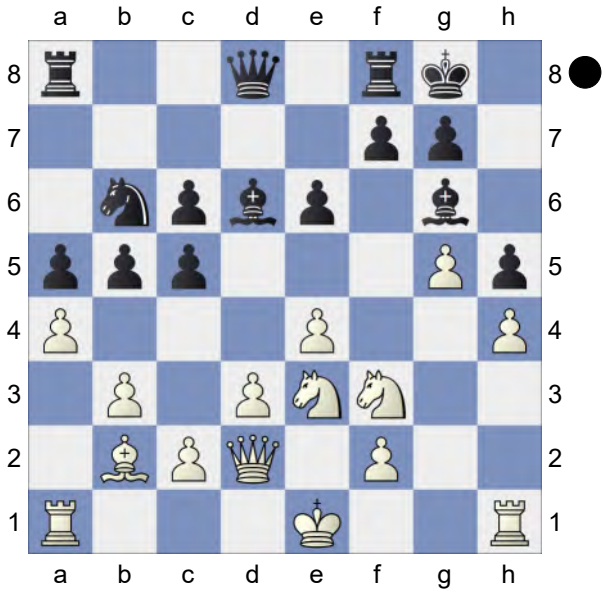
10...e6 11.h4 -0.68/22

[White should try 11.b3= 0.24/18]

11...h5∓ 12.g5 Bd6 13.b3 a5 -0.04/21

[13...f5∓ -0.41/22]

14.Bb2!= 0-0 15.a4! Nb6 16.Qd2



c4! 17.axb5 cxb5 1.07/21

[17...cxd3!= 0.25/20 18.cxd3 Bb4 Pin]

18.Rxa5± White is more active.

18...cxb3? 2.33/23

[18...cxd3± 0.82/20 19.cxd3 b4 20.Rxa8 Qxa8]

19.Rxa8→ 0.97/24 White wants a kill.

[19.Qc3+- 2.33/23 e5 20.Nxe5]

19...Qxa8

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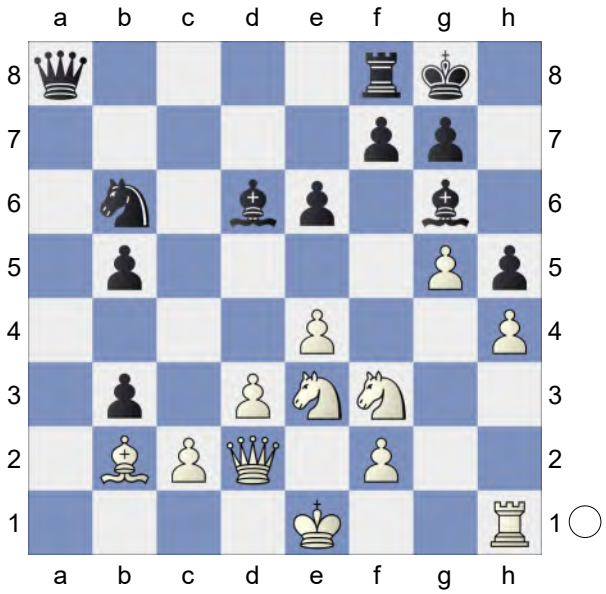

20.Qc3! e5 Strongly threatening ... Bxe4!. **21.Qxb3**

[21.cxb3?! Bxe4 22.dxe4 Qxe4=]

21...Re8? 3.21/21

[21...Nc4± 0.93/23]

22.Ke2+-

[22.Qxb5 Na4+-]

22...Na4 23.Ra1

[23.Qxb5 Rb8 24.Qd7 Bxe4 25.dxe4 *(25.Qxd6? Bxf3+ 26.Kd2 Bxh1-+)* 25...Qa6+ 26.Kd2 Nc5-+]

23...Qc6 24.Nd2? 1.12/20

[24.Rb1+- 3.53/22]

24...Rb8 2.53/21

[24...Bc5± 1.12/20 was worth a try.]

25.Ra2 Kh7 3.28/23

[⌓25...Qe8 1.91/21 26.Nf3 Kh7]

26.Qd5 Qc7 3.40/22

[⌓26...Qb6 2.31/21 27.Nf3 *(27.Bxe5 Rd8+-)* 27...Qc7]

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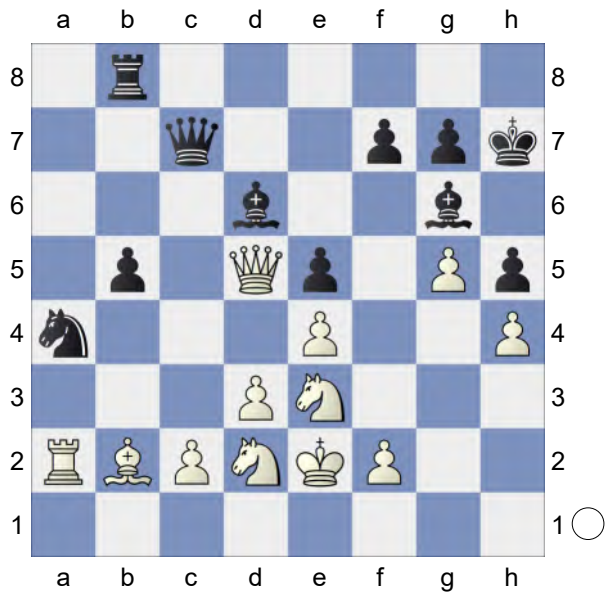
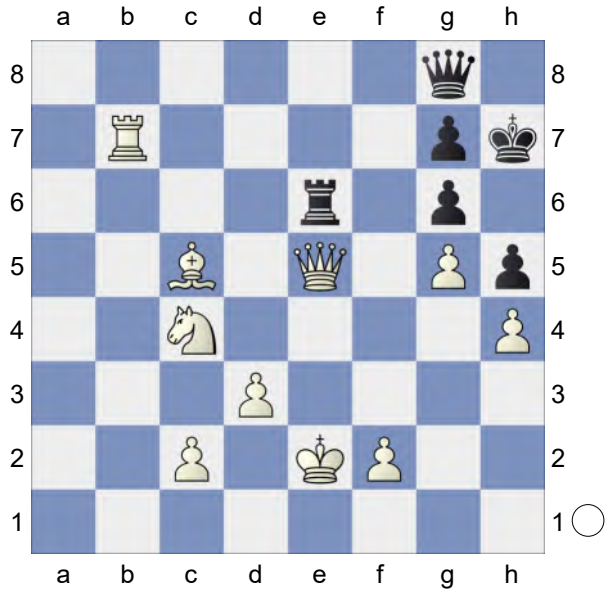


27.Nf3? 1.13/22
[27.Nf5!+- 3.40/22 is the precise move to win.]
27...Nb6? 5.22/22
[27...Rb6± 1.13/22 is more resistant.]
28.Qxb5 Nd7 29.Qc4 Strongly threatening Qxc7. **29...Qd8 30.Ba3 Rc8 31.Qd5 Bb8 32.Rb2 Ba7 33.Nc4 Rc7 34.Nfxe5 Qc8 35.Nxg6**
[35.Nxf7 Bxf7 36.Qxf7 Nf6=]
35...fxg6 36.Bd6 Rc6 37.Qe6 Bc5 38.e5 Qd8 39.Rb7 Nxe5 40.Qxe5 White mates. **40...Qg8 41.Bxc5 Re6**



42.Rxg7+!! Qxg7 43.Qxe6 Qd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.81 **44.Qf7+** 16.90/5
[⌓44.Ne5 #8/18 Qf4 45.Qxg6+ Kh8 46.Nf7+ Deflection *(46.Qxh5+ Kg8 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.Nf7+* Deflection *Qxf7 49.Bd4+ Qg7 50.Qxg7#)* 46...Qxf7 47.Bd4+ Qg7 48.Qxg7#]
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8 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2776**
Titled Tue 26th Aug Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
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20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...Qc7 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 d5 8.e5 0.28/19
[8.d4!± 0.80/21]

8...c4 9.b3 b5 10.a4 Bb7 1.23/22
[10...Na5± 0.43/21]

11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8+ Bxa8 13.Na3 Qb8 1.39/21
[⌓13...Qb6 0.85/21]

14.d4 Ng6 15.b4 Be7 Wards off h4

16.g3 Nf8 1.49/21
[Better is 16...Nxb4 0.91/23 17.cxb4 Bxb4]

17.h4± Nd7 18.h5 h6 19.Nh2 Nxb4 2.39/22
[19...0-0± 1.52/20 was worth a try.]

20.cxb4? 0.84/21
[20.Qg4+- 2.39/22]

20...Bxb4 21.Re3 0.27/20
[21.Nc2!± 0.72/21 Bxe1 22.Qxe1]

21...Be7= 22.Nb1 b4 23.Ng4 -0.98/20
[23.Re1= 0.01/20]

23...Bc6 24.Bd2 -1.45/22
[⌓24.Re2 -0.76/19]

24...Qa7∓ 25.Qe1 Qxd4 -0.12/21
[25...b3∓ -1.54/19 26.Bc3 0-0]

26.Bxb4!= Bxb4
[26...Qxg4 with more complications. 27.Bxe7 d4 28.Ra3 c3]

27.Qxb4 Strongly threatening Qd6!.

27...Qxg4 28.Qd6 Bb7 29.Ra3 -1.36/26
[29.Qc7= -0.01/23 keeps the balance. Ke7 *(29...Ba6 30.Ra3=)* 30.Qd6+ *(30.Qxb7? Rb8-+* Skewer, Deflection *)* 30...Kd8 31.Qb4]

29...Qd4∓
[29...Qxh5 30.Qc7 Ke7 *(30...Qxe5 31.Qxb7 0-0 32.Qxd7∓)* 31.Qd6+ *(31.Qxb7 Rb8∓* Skewer *)* 31...Kd8 32.Qb4=]

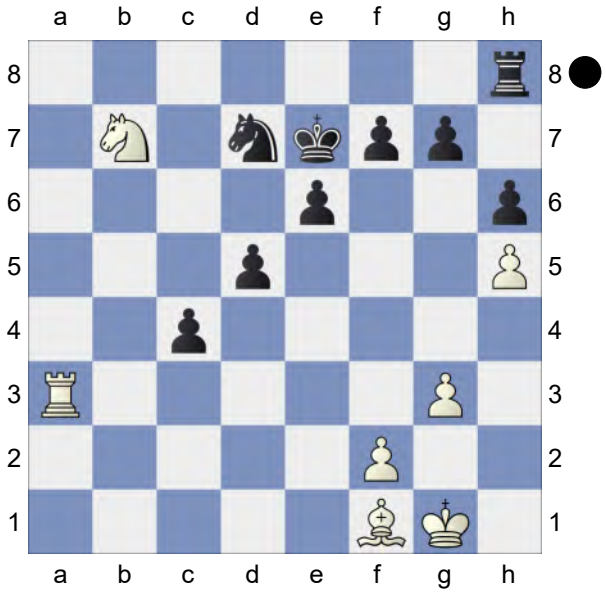
30.Nc3? -4.47/22
[30.Ra5 -2.04/22]

30...Qxe5? -1.76/26
[30...Nxe5? 31.Nb5+- *(31.Qb8+ Ke7+-)*]
[30...Qc5 -4.47/22 31.Qxc5 Nxc5]

31.Nb5? -3.40/24
[31.Qb4 -1.76/26 only move. Qb8 32.Ra5]

31...Qxd6!-+
[31...Qxh5? perishes. 32.Ra7 Qe5 33.Qa3+-]

32.Nxd6+ Ke7 33.Nxb7



Rc8! 34.Na5 Kd6 -1.76/21
[⌓34...Nf6 -3.01/19 35.Be2 Ne4]

35.Nb7+? -4.97/22
[35.Ra1 -1.76/21]

35...Kc6 36.Ra7 -6.91/20
[⌓36.Na5+ -4.85/19 Kb6 37.Ra4]

36...Kb6 37.Nd6 Kxa7 38.Nxc8+ Kb8 39.Nd6 Ne5 aiming for ...c3. **40.f4** -8.89/27
[⌓40.Nb5 -4.29/23 Kb7 41.f4]

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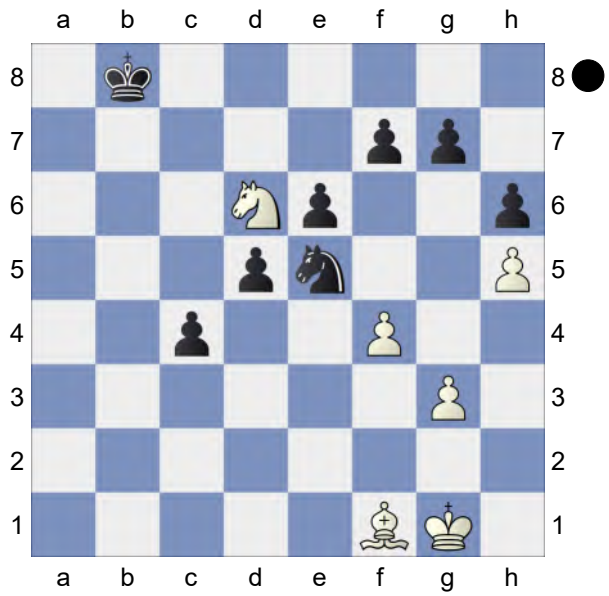

40...c3! 41.fxe5
[41.Nxf7 Nf3+]
41...c2 42.Nxf7 Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.40 **42...c1Q**
[Stronger than 42...c1R 43.Nd8±]
0-1

9 **B31**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2779**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2784**
12th Sinquefield Cup (2.1) 19.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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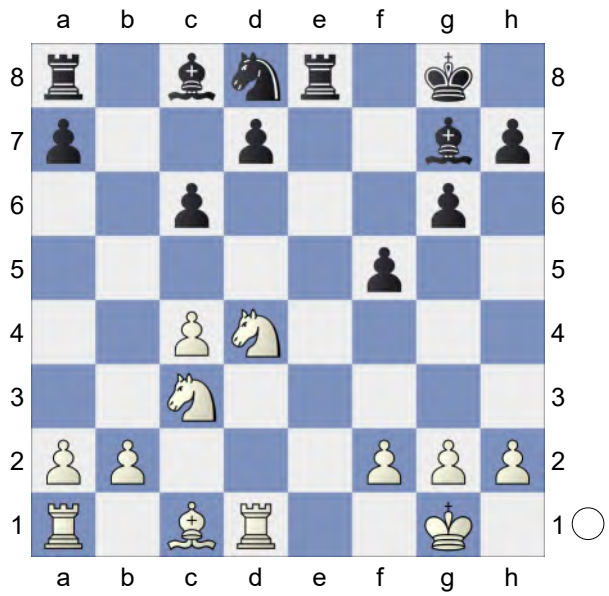
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.d4 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Ne6 12.Qh4 f6 0.99/21
[12...Rb8± 0.58/21]
13.exf6 0.36/21 White has more active pieces.
[13.Ne4± 0.99/21]
13...exf6± 14.Nd4 -0.11/22
[14.Qh3 0.28/23]
14...f5= 15.Qxd8 Nxd8 16.Rd1 Re8

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with ...Bxd4. **17.Be3 d6** 0.31/20
[17...Ba6= -0.16/22 should be considered.]
18.Rac1± Rb8 19.Nb3 Nf7 20.Bxa7 Rb4 21.Re1 -0.40/24
[Better is 21.Bd4= 0.30/23]
21...Rxe1+ 0.01/5
[21...Be6∓ -0.40/24 22.Rcd1 Bxc3 *(22...Rxc4 23.Bd4=)* 23.bxc3 Rxc4]
22.Rxe1= Kf8 Wards off Re8+ **23.Bd4 Bxd4! 24.Nxd4 Rxb2 25.Nxc6** The position is equal. **25...Rc2 26.Ne2 Rxa2 27.Ned4 Ra4 28.Rc1 Kg7 29.h3 Kf6 30.c5 dxc5 31.Rxc5 Bd7 32.Nf3 Bxc6 33.Rxc6+ Kg7 34.Rc7 Kf6 35.Rc6+ Kg7 36.Rc7 Kf6** Repels Ne5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise) **37.Rc6+**
½-½

10 **B31**
□ **Caruana,F.** **2784**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2723**
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[Kitty Kat]

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4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.a4 a5 8.Na3 Ne7 9.Nc4 White is slightly better. **9...f6 10.d3 Be6 11.b3**

0-0 12.Be3 b6 13.Nfd2 Qc7 14.f3 -0.16/19
[⌓14.Qe2 0.30/21]
14...h5 15.Qe2 g5 16.Qf2 Rf7 0.40/22
[16...Ng6= 0.00/21]
17.h4 -0.01/22
[17.b4± 0.40/22]
17...g4 18.f4 -0.79/24
[18.b4= -0.03/20 keeps the balance.]
18...f5 0.01/20
[18...Bxc4∓ -0.79/24 19.Nxc4 b5]
19.Nxe5= Bxe5 20.fxe5 f4!
[20...fxe4 21.Qe2 exd3 22.cxd3]
21.Bxf4 Ng6 22.g3 Raf8! 23.Rf1 Nxf4 24.gxf4 Rxf4 25.Qe3
[25.Qg3 feels hotter. Qxe5 26.Kg2 Rf2+ 27.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qxa1 29.Ke2]
25...Qxe5 26.Rxf4 Rxf4 27.Rf1⇄ White puts up resistance **27...Rxf1+ 28.Nxf1** Endgame KQB-KQN **28...Kg7 29.Ng3 Kg6 30.Ne2 Bf7 31.Kg2 Kg7 32.Qf2 b5 33.c4 bxc4 34.bxc4** With the idea Qf4. White stays focused until the end. **34...Qb2?** 1.62/25
[34...Qa1= 0.01/25 and Black stays safe.]
35.Ng3!+- Qe5 4.77/26
[35...Qxf2+ 1.81/24 36.Kxf2 Kf6]

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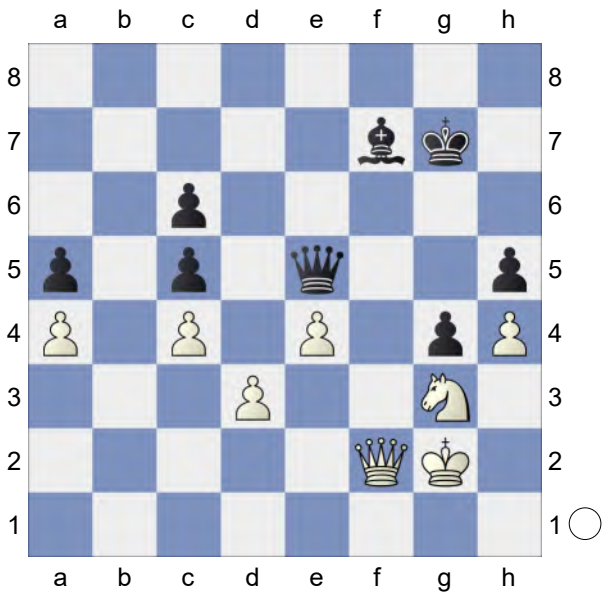
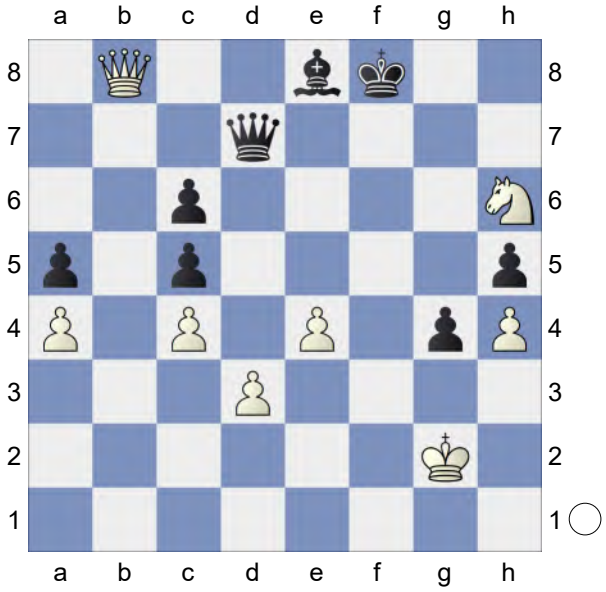
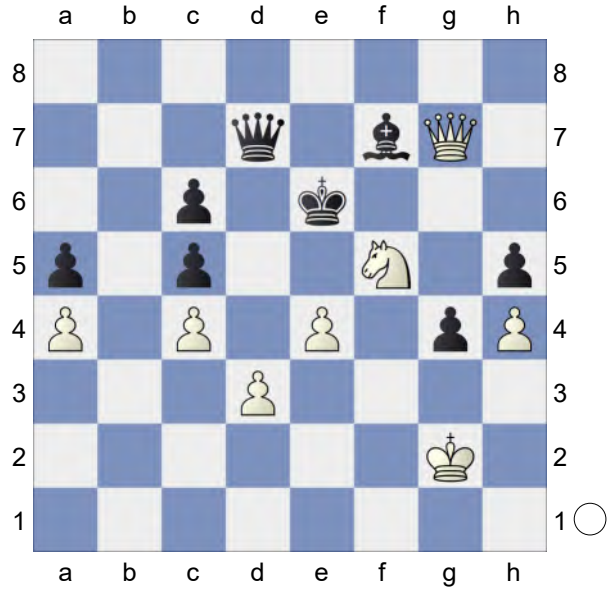


36.Nf5+! Kf8 8.55/25
[⌓36...Kh7 4.16/25 37.Qe3 Be8 38.Qh6+ Kg8]
37.Nh6 Qe7 38.Qf4 Qd7 39.Qb8+ Be8



40.Qf4+? -0.01/24
[40.Qe5!+- 13.66/26 Hoping for Qf6+. Qh7 41.Qf6+ *(41.Qxc5+ Qe7+-)* 41...Bf7 42.Qd6+ *(42.Qxc6 Bg6+-)* 42...Ke8 43.Qb8+ *(43.Qxc6+ Kd8+-; 43.Nf5 Bg6+-)* 43...Kd7 44.Qb7+ Ke6 45.Qxc6+ *(45.Kg3 Bg6+-)* 45...Ke5 46.Nf5 *(46.Qxc5+*

Kf6+-)]
40...Bf7!= 41.Qf6 Repels Qe7 **41...Ke8 42.Qh8+ Ke7 43.Nf5+ Ke6 44.Qh6+** 7.70/28
[⌓44.e5 34.82/26 Qe8 45.Ng7+ Kd7 46.Nxe8 Bxe8 47.Qf8]
44...Ke5+- 45.Qg7+ Ke6



46.e5! Qd8 Dodges Qf6+ **47.Nd6** 0.03/22
[White should try 47.Nh6+- 6.15/26 Qe7 48.Qh7 Kxe5 49.Nxf7+ Kf6 50.Qh8+ Kxf7 51.Qxh5+ Ke6 52.Qxg4+ Kd6 53.Qf4+ Kd7 54.Kf2]
47...Qe7 6.77/29
[47...Qxh4= 0.03/22 48.Qh6+ *(48.Qxf7+ Kxe5 49.Nb7 Qh3+ 50.Kf2 Kd4±; 48.Nxf7? Qh3+ 49.Kg1 Qg3+ 50.Kh1 Qf3+ 51.Kg1 Qxf7∓)* 48...Kxe5]
48.Ne4 Kd7 49.Nf6+ Kd8 ...Bd5+! would now be deadly. **50.Ne4?** -0.01/22
[Only move: 50.Qg5+- 5.98/24 Kc7 51.Qg7 *(51.Nxh5? too greedy. Qxg5* Remove Defender *52.hxg5 Bxh5-+)*]
50...Be6? 8.50/24
[50...Kd7= -0.01/22 51.e6+ Decoy Kxe6 52.Ng5+ Kf5 53.Qxf7+ Qxf7 54.Nxf7 Kf4]
51.Qh8+ Kc7 52.Qxh5 Qd7 53.Nxc5 Qe7 54.Nxe6+ Qxe6 KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **55.Qh7+ Kb6 56.Qe4 c5 57.Kg3 Qf7 58.Kxg4 Qf2 59.h5 Qg1+ 60.Kf5 Qf1+ 61.Kg5 Qg1+ 62.Kh6** Qg6+ would kill now. **62...Qc1+ 63.Kg7 Qg5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=1.08 **64.Qg6+**
1-0

11 **B31**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2723**
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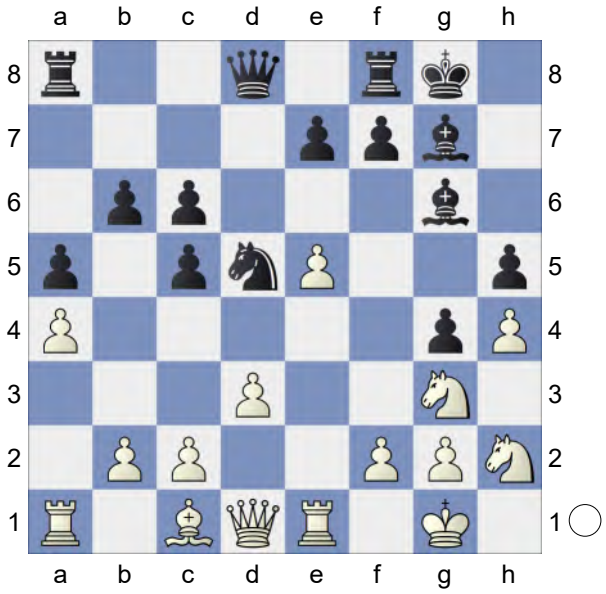
19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 White has an edge. **9...b6 10.Nbd2 h6 11.a3 a5 12.a4 Bf5 13.Nf1 g5 14.Ng3 Bg6 15.h4↑** White has the initiative. **15...g4** 0.71/23

[15...f6= -0.01/21]

16.Nh2± h5



17.Nxg4! hxg4 18.Qxg4 0.01/25

[18.h5± 0.93/25]

18...Qc8 0.86/20

[18...Nb4= 0.01/25 19.Re2 *(19.h5 Nxc2 20.hxg6 Nxe1=)* 19...Qd4]

19.Qg5! White has strong compensation. **19...Nc7** 1.96/21

[19...Qe6± 0.85/22 was worth a try.]

20.h5!+- Ne6 21.Qh4 -0.19/21

[21.Qxe7 Bh7=]

[21.Qg4!+- 2.05/24]

21...Bh7= 22.Bd2 -1.45/20

[22.Qxe7 Re8 *(22...Qd8? 23.Qxd8 Rfxd8 24.h6-+)* 23.Qh4 Qd8-+]

[22.h6!= 0.01/19 Bh8 23.f4 *(23.Qxe7? Qd8∓)*]

22...Re8? 0.20/19

[22...Qc7!∓ -1.45/20 23.f4 Bh6]

23.f4 -1.19/22

[23.h6= 0.20/19 Bh8 24.Bc3]

23...Nd4? 0.51/22

[23...Bh6∓ -1.19/22 24.Be3 Qd8]

24.Rf1? -1.96/21

[24.h6± 0.51/22 Bf8 25.e6]

24...Nf5? 0.69/22

[24...Bh6!-+ -1.96/21 25.Ne4 Kh8]

25.Nxf5± Qxf5 26.g4 0.34/20

[26.Rf2± 1.13/23]

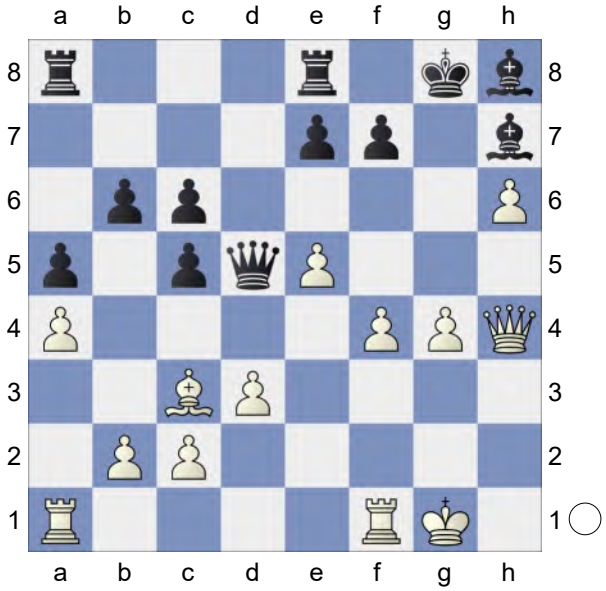
26...Qd7! 27.Bc3 Prevents Qd4+

27...Qd5 1.96/25

[27...f5 28.g5± *(28.exf6 Bxf6 29.Bxf6 exf6∓)*]

[27...e6± 0.54/20]

28.h6!+- Bh8



29.Rae1 0.78/21

[29.Qg5+!+- 1.82/24 and the rest is easy. Kf8 30.Rf2]

29...b5±

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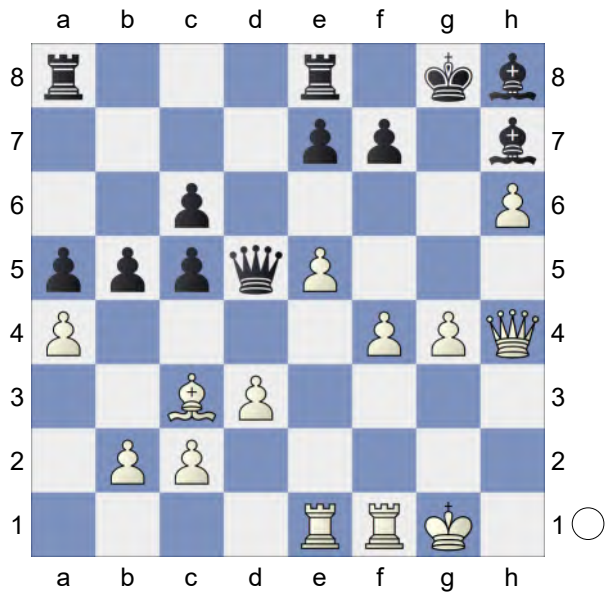


30.b3 0.02/26
[30.f5 b4 31.Qg5+ Kf8-+]
[30.Qg5+!± 0.77/21 Kf8 31.e6 *(31.f5? b4∓)* 31...Qxg5 32.fxg5 Bxc3 33.bxc3 *(33.Rxf7+ Kg8=)*]
30...c4 31.bxc4 bxc4 32.d4 White wants to play f5.
[32.f5 cxd3 33.Qg5+ Kf8-+]
32...c5!
[32...Bxc2 33.Rf2 Bh7 *(33...Bxa4 34.h7+ Kg7 35.Qg5+ Kxh7 36.Rh2#)* 34.f5∓]
33.dxc5 -0.90/24
[33.Qg5+= 0.07/25 Kf8 34.dxc5]
33...Qxc5+ -0.01/24
[Black should play 33...Bxc2∓ -0.90/24 34.Rf2 Qxc5 *(34...Bxa4 35.h7+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kxh7 37.Rh2#)*]
34.Kh2 -0.84/24
[34.Kg2= -0.01/24 keeps the balance.]
34...Rad8 0.24/26
[34...Bxc2∓ -0.84/24 Threatens to win with ...Kh7!. 35.Re2 Bd3 *(35...Bxa4 36.h7+ Kg7 37.g5)* 36.h7+ Bxh7]
35.f5 Rd5 36.Qg5+! Kf8 37.Qf4 and g5 would now be decisive **37...Red8 38.Re3** 0.01/21
[38.Qg3± 0.39/20]
White stays focused until the end.
38...Rd2+? 5.22/23 **39.Bxd2+- Rxd2+ 40.Kh3 Qd5**
[40...Rxc2 41.Qe4 e6 42.Qa8+ *(42.Rg3 Bxe5 43.Qxc2 Bxg3+-)* 42...Ke7 43.Qb7+ Ke8 44.Qb8+ Ke7 45.f6+ Kd7 46.Rd1+ Kc6 47.Rd6++-]
41.Rff3? -0.01/23
[41.Kh4+- 4.12/21 Rxc2 42.Rb1]
41...Rxc2? 6.82/20
[41...Rd4= -0.01/23 42.Qg3 e6]
42.e6 Qb7 Wards off Qb8+ **43.g5 Qb2 44.g6 Qb1 45.g7+ Bxg7 46.hxg7+ Kg8 47.exf7+ Kxf7 48.Rg3** 10.11/22
[⌓48.Rxe7+ #8/18 Kxe7 49.Re3+ Kd7 50.Qd4+ Kc6 51.Re6+ Kc7 52.Qd6+ *(52.Qe5+ Kd8 53.Rd6+ Kc8 54.Rc6+ Kd8 55.Qc7+ Ke8 56.Re6#)* 52...Kc8 53.Qc6+ *(53.Re8+ Kb7 54.Qd7+ Kb6 55.Re6+ Kc5 56.Qd6#)* 53...Kb8 54.Re8+ Ka7 55.Ra8#]
48...Qh1+ 49.Kg4 Qd1+ 50.Kg5 Rxe7+! would kill now. **50...Qa1 51.Qe5** 5.88/26
[⌓51.Rxe7+ #4/10 Kxe7 52.Qc7+ Ke8 53.Re3+ Qe5 54.Rxe5#]
51...Qxe5 52.Rxe5 c3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=1.31 **53.Rge3 1-0**

12 **B30**
□ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2784**
SuperUnited CRO Blitz 2025 (17.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...h6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 d5 8.exd5 White is slightly better. **8...Nxd5 9.d4 Nf6 10.Be3 Nd5 11.Bc1** -0.01/22

[11.Bd2± 0.36/20 feels stronger.]

11...Be7 0.52/21

[11...Nf6!= -0.01/22]

12.dxc5± Bxc5 13.c4 Nf6 14.Qxd8+ Kxd8 15.Nc3 Bd7 16.Bf4 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5! 18.Be5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Be8 20.Ne4↑ Repels Nf6. Black is under pressure. **20...Be7** 0.89/26

[20...Rc8± 0.48/22]

21.c5± Kc7 Inhibits Nd6. **22.Red1** 0.46/22

[White should try 22.Rad1± 0.90/23]

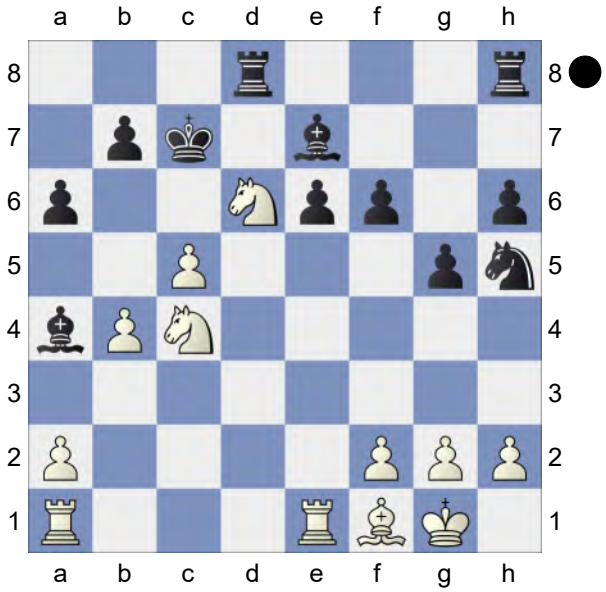
22...f6 23.Nc4 White has more active pieces. **23...Bc6 24.Ned6 Rad8** 1.17/20

[⌓24...Nf4 0.81/21]

25.b4 Loses the game. **25...Ba4?** 2.59/22

[25...Rhf8± 0.94/21]

26.Re1+-



And now Nf7 would win. **26...Ng7?** 4.50/23

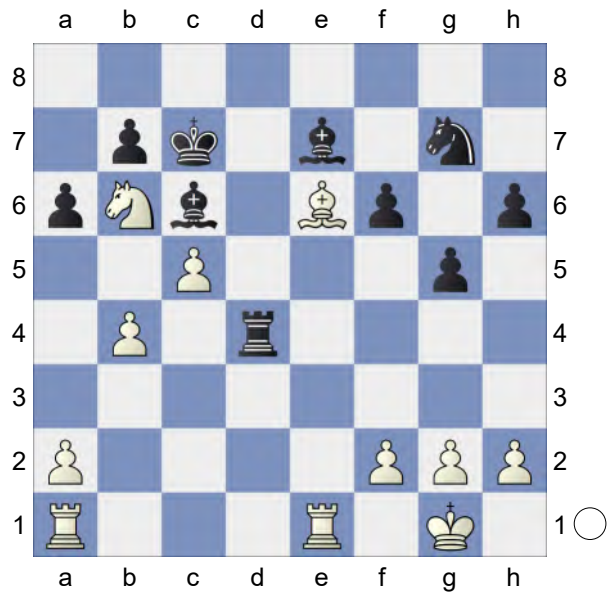
[26...Bxd6 2.63/22 might work better. 27.Nxd6 *(27.cxd6+ Kb8+-)* 27...e5]

27.Nf7! A dynamic duo of knights. **27...Rhf8 28.Nxd8 Rxd8 29.Nb6 Be8** 6.30/23

[⌓29...Bc6 4.17/22 30.Bc4 a5]

30.Bc4 White is clearly winning. **30...Rd4 31.Bxe6 Bc6**

(Diagram)



32.Bd5! Discovered Attack **32...Bd8**
[32...Bxc5 33.bxc5]
33.Rad1 Nf5 34.Bxc6 Kxc6 35.Re6+ Kb5 36.Rxd4 Nxd4 Endgame KRN-KBN **37.Rd6 Nc6 38.Nd5 f5 39.Rd7 Kc4 40.a3 a5 41.Ne3+ Kb5 42.Rxb7+ Ka4 43.b5 Nd4 44.Rd7 Bf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.56 **45.b6**
1-0

13 **B30**
□ **Giri,A.** **2748**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2777**
SuperUnited CRO Rapid 2025 (8.2)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Qe2 e5 7.Nfd2 d6 0.50/22
[7...Ne7= 0.10/20]
8.0-0 -0.25/21
[8.f4± 0.50/22]
8...Ne7= 9.f4 -0.59/21
[9.Nc4= -0.17/20]
9...exf4∓ 10.Rxf4 Ng6 11.Rf1 Be7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Nc4 -0.92/20
[13.Qh5∓ -0.46/19 feels stronger.]
Black continues to play with concentration. **13...f5∓ 14.b3 fxe4 15.Rxf8+ Bxf8 16.dxe4** -1.86/20
[16.Qxe4∓ -0.94/21 Qd7 17.Nd2]

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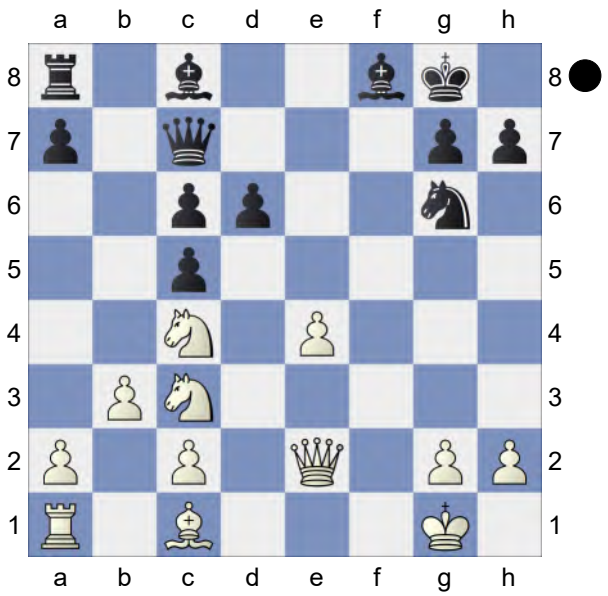
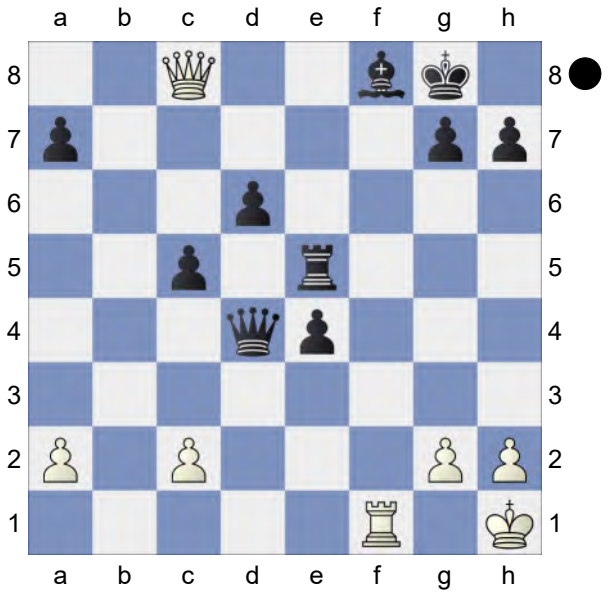


16...Ba6!-+ 17.Bb2 -2.83/22
[⌓17.Rb1 -1.87/18]
17...Re8 and ...d5! would now be decisive **18.Qh5 Bxc4 19.bxc4 Qf7 20.Rf1 Qxc4 21.Qf5 Ne5 22.Nd5** -6.33/24
[⌓22.Qh3 -4.21/21 g6 23.Qg3]
22...cxd5 23.Bxe5 dxe4! 24.Qd7 Threatening mate with Rxf8+!. **24...Rxe5 25.Qc8 Qd4+ 26.Kh1**



h5! 27.c3
[27.Qxf8+ Kh7]
27...Qd5 28.c4 Qxc4 29.Rxf8+ Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is 3 pawns up. **29...Kh7** (→ ...Qc1+) **30.h3 e3** (→ ...e2!) **31.Qd8 e2 32.Rh8+ Kg6 33.Qxd6+** Black mates. **33...Qe6 34.Qd3+ Kf7 35.Qf3+ Rf5 36.Qb7+** Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/ Black=0.12 (very precise) **36...Kg6**
0-1

14 **B30**
□ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
■ **Oparin,G.** **2660**
Saint Louis Blitz 2025 (9.3) 14.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6

22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Be2 d5 8.exd5 White is slightly better. **8...Nxd5 9.d4 Be7 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.c4** -0.01/22

[11.Bd3± 0.49/22]

11...Nb6 0.39/22

[11...Ndb4!= -0.01/22 should be considered.]

12.Qxd8+± Bxd8 13.Be3 Be7 14.Nc3 Bb7 15.Rad1 Rc8 0.77/22

[15...0-0= 0.30/22]

16.b3!± White is more active. **16...Nb8** 1.10/24

[16...0-0± 0.54/22]

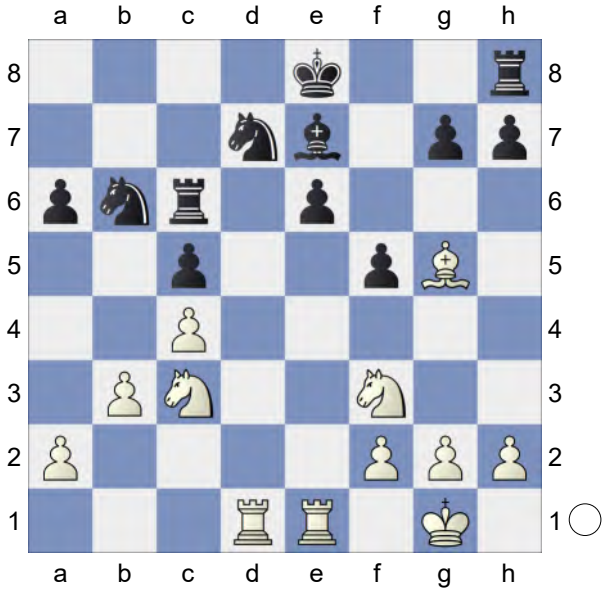
17.Nd2 f5 1.75/22

[17...0-0± 1.11/20]

18.Bf3!+- Bxf3 19.Nxf3 Bg5 would now be deadly. **19...N8d7** 2.10/23

[19...Rc6± 1.55/23 20.Bf4 N8d7]

20.Bg5 Rc6



21.Nd5 Bf6 22.Rd3 Kf7 23.Nxb6 Nxb6 24.Red1 Rhc8 2.62/22

[24...Re8± 1.33/24 is a better defense.]

25.Bxf6? 0.79/23

[25.Bf4!+- 2.62/22 and the rest is easy.]

25...gxf6± 26.Nd2 0.28/24

[26.Kf1± 0.94/25]

26...R8c7 1.04/24

[26...Ke7= 0.28/24 keeps the balance.]

27.Nb1! Ke7 28.Rh3 Ke8 29.Nc3 Rg7 1.63/24

[29...Re7± 1.14/24 30.Rd2 Rg7]

30.Kf1+- Nd7 31.f4 0.77/23

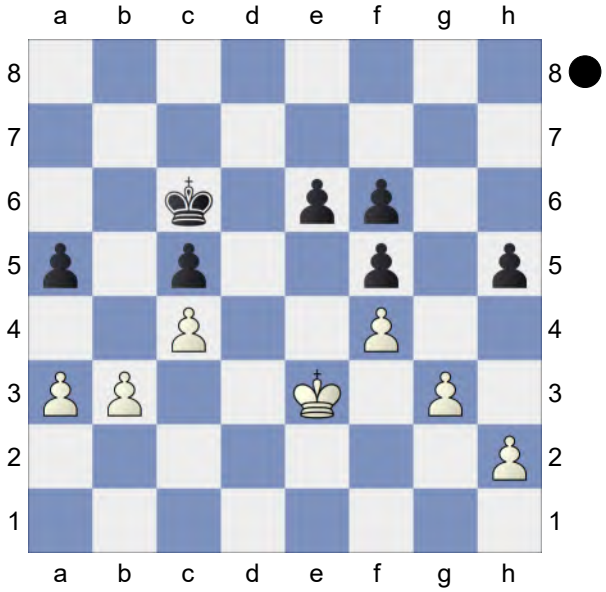
[⌓31.Rhd3! 1.43/24]

31...Nf8± 32.Re3 Rd7 33.Rxd7 Kxd7± Endgame KRN-KRN **34.Na4 Ke7 35.Kf2 Ng6 36.g3** 0.01/28

[36.Rh3!± 0.73/23]

36...Nf8= 37.Ke2 Nd7 38.Kd3 Rd6+ 39.Kc2 h5 40.Rd3 Rxd3 41.Kxd3 KN-KN **41...Kd6 42.a3 a5 43.Nc3 Nb8 44.Nb5+ Kd7 45.Na7 Nc6 46.Nxc6 Kxc6 47.Ke3?** -11.63/26

[47.a4= -0.01/27]

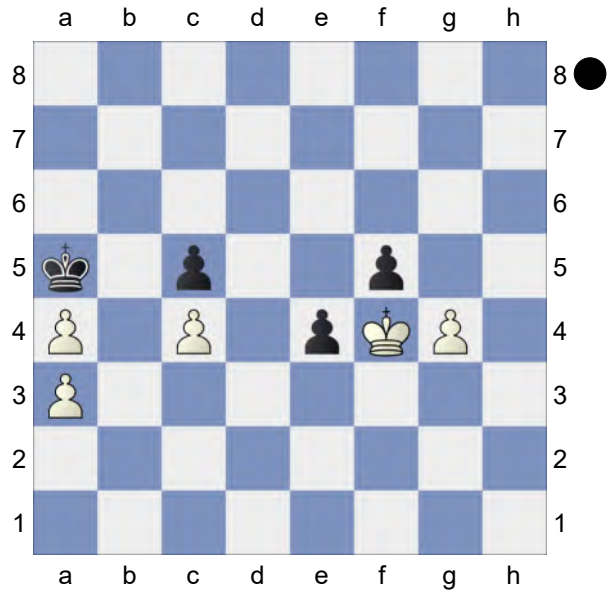


47...a4!-+ 48.bxa4

[48.Kd3 axb3]

48...e5 49.fxe5 fxe5 50.Kf3 Kb6

White must now prevent ...Ka5. **51.h3 Ka5 52.g4 hxg4+**
[52...Kxa4? 53.gxh5 *(53.gxf5 Kxa3 54.f6 Kb4+-)* 53...Kxa3 54.h6+-]
53.hxg4 e4+
[53...Kxa4? 54.gxf5 Kb3 55.f6+- *(55.Ke4 Kxc4 56.f6 Kb3 57.f7 c4 58.f8Q Kc2 59.Qb4 Kc1 60.Qxc4+ Kb2)*]
54.Kf4? -12.47/24
[54.Kg3= -0.06/28 fxg4 *(54...Kxa4? 55.gxf5 Kb3 56.f6+-)* 55.Kxg4]



54...fxg4? -0.03/29
[54...Kxa4 55.gxf5 *(55.Kxf5?* perishes. *e3-+)* 55...Kxa3 56.f6 *(56.Kxe4 Kb4 57.f6 Kxc4 58.f7 Kb4 59.f8Q Kc4 60.Qf1+ Kb4)* 56...Kb4 57.Kxe4 *(57.f7 e3 58.Kxe3 Kxc4 59.Ke4 Kc3 60.f8Q Kc4 61.Qd6 Kb4)* 57...Kxc4 58.f7 Kc3 59.f8Q *(59.f8R Kd2+-)*]
[54...e3!-+ -12.47/24 (→ ...fxg4) 55.Kxe3 fxg4]
55.Kxg4= Kxa4 56.Kf4 Kxa3 57.Kxe4 KP-KP **57...Kb3** -0.65/32
[57...Ka4= -0.01/45]
58.Kd3!∓ Kb4 59.Kd2 Kxc4 (→ ...Kb3). KP-K. Black is a pawn up.
60.Kc2 Kd4 (→ ...Kc4) **61.Kd2 c4 62.Kc2 c3 63.Kc1 Kd3** (→ ...c2) **64.Kd1 c2+** -1.39/79
[Black should try 64...Ke4 -0.76/95 (→ ...Kd3) 65.Kc1 Kd5]
65.Kc1∓ A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.26 (precise)
65...Kc3
½-½

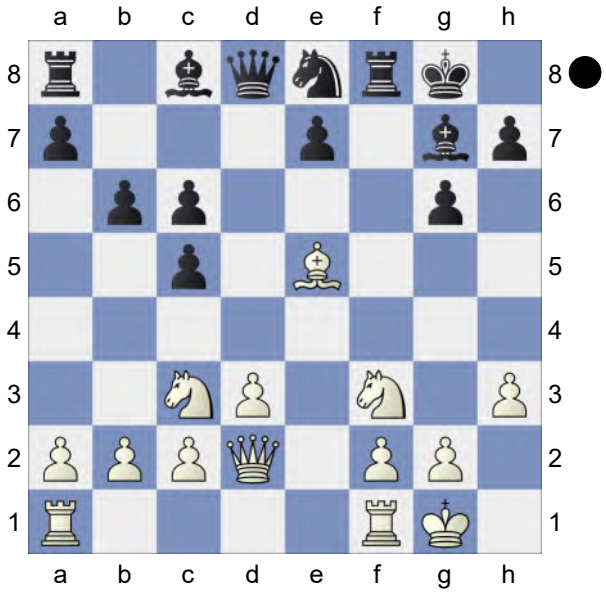
15 **B31**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2776**
■ **Karthikeyan,M2.** **2658**
Quantbox Chennai GM 2025 (9.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz

Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 b6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nc3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Bf4 Ne8 10.Qd2 f6 11.e5 fxe5! 12.Bxe5**

[12.Nxe5 is interesting. Qd4 13.Ne2 Bxe5 14.Nxd4 Bxf4 15.Qc3]



12...Rxf3! Remove Defender **13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.gxf3** With the idea Rfe1. **14...Nf5** 0.71/21

[14...Qf8= 0.11/21]

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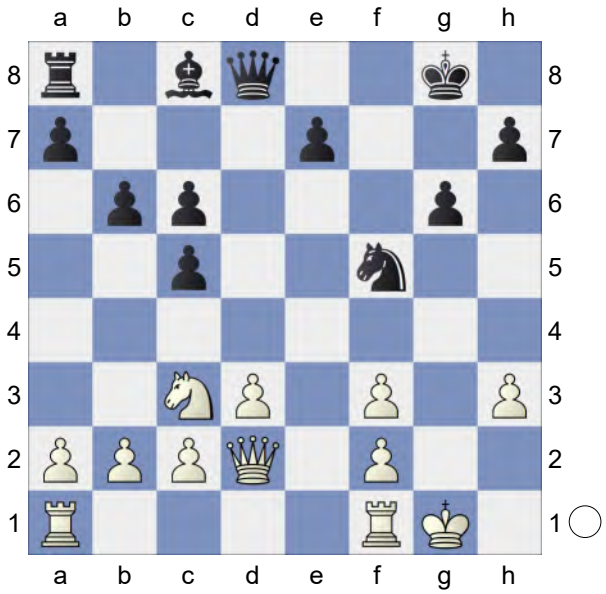

15.Ne4 0.09/23

[15.Rae1!± 0.71/21]

15...Nd4= 16.Qh6! e5 17.c3 Nxf3+ 18.Kg2 Nh4+ 19.Kh1 0.01/21 The board is on fire. White is more active.

[White should try 19.Kh2± 0.78/25]

19...Nf5! 20.Qg5 Ba6! 21.Rad1 Bxd3 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Nf6+ -1.36/25

[23.Kh2= -0.17/27 keeps the balance.]

23...Kg7∓ 24.Ng4 Rd5 -0.81/25

[⌓24...e4 -1.33/24 ...Rf8 would now be deadly. 25.Ne5 Kf6 26.Nxd3 exd3]

25.Rfe1 e4 26.Ne3 Nxe3 27.Rxe3∓ -1.52/24 Endgame

[Only move: 27.fxe3∓ -0.47/22 a5 28.Rd2]

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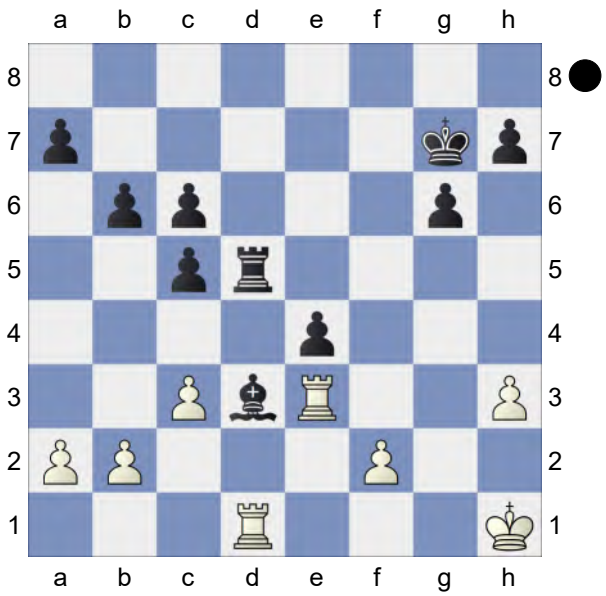


KRR-KRB **27...c4?** -0.01/24
[27...Bc2!∓ -1.52/24 28.Ra1 h5]
28.Kh2= Ra5 29.a3 Rf5 30.Kg3 Rg5+ 31.Kh2! Rf5 32.Kg3 h5 33.h4 Inhibits Rg5+. **33...Kf6 34.f3** White has compensation. **34...Ke5 35.Rd2** -0.01/27
[35.b4!± 0.42/25 might be stronger.]
35...b5 The position is equal. **36.Rf2 Rf4 37.Re1 a5 38.Re3 b4 39.axb4 axb4 40.cxb4 g5! 41.hxg5 h4+ 42.Kh2**
[42.Kg2!?]
42...Kd4 43.Re1 And now g6 would win. **43...exf3**
[43...Rxf3? too greedy. 44.Rxf3 exf3 45.Kg1+-]
[43...e3!? 44.Rg2□ Bg6± *(44...Rxf3 45.g6+-)*]
44.Re6 Be4 45.Rf1! Ke3 46.g6 f2 47.g7 Rg4 48.Rxf2 Kxf2 49.Rxe4 Promotion Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise) **49...Rxg7**
½-½

16 **B30**
□ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
■ **Oparin,G.** **2660**
Saint Louis Rapid 2025 (2.5) 11.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 Nf6 7.h3 e5 8.c3 Be7 9.d4 b5 10.d5 Na7 11.a4 0-0 1.16/22

[Better is 11...bxa4± 0.66/23 12.Bxa6 0-0]

12.axb5± axb5 13.b4 White is more active. **13...c4** 1.62/24

[13...cxb4± 1.02/24 14.cxb4 Qb8]

14.Re2+- Nc6 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Nbd2 1.11/21

[17.Bg5+- 1.65/21]

17...Nxe4 2.11/21

[17...Rd8± 1.11/21 18.Re1 Nxe4]

18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.Be3 1.41/19

[19.Qe1+- 1.96/21 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Qxf3 21.Bg2]

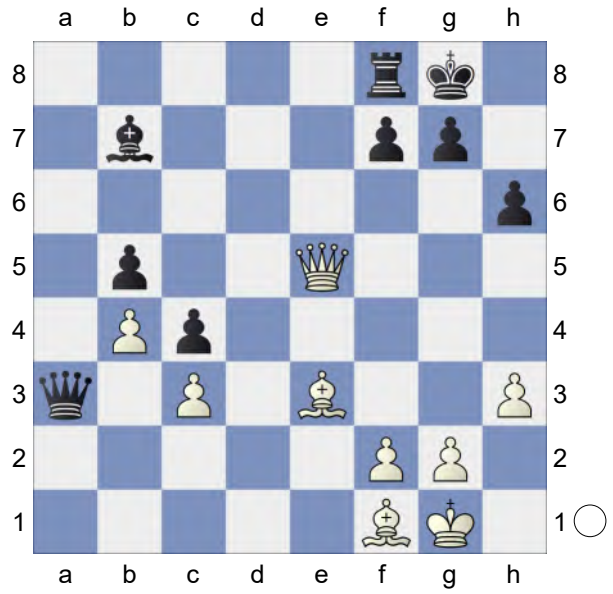
19...h6± 20.Rd2 Qa3 21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Qxd6 Bxf3 1.76/26

[22...Qxc3± 1.30/26 23.Nxe5 *(23.Qxe5 Qxe5 24.Nxe5 f6=)* 23...Re8]

23.Qxe5+- Bb7 2.80/27

[23...Bc6? 24.Bd4 f6 25.Qe6+ Kh8 26.Qxc6+-]

[⌓23...Ba8 1.76/24]



24.Bd4! f6 25.Qxb5 Qa8 26.Bxc4+ Black is weak on the dark squares

[Weaker is 26.Qxc4+ Bd5 27.Qd3 Be4±]

26...Kh8 27.f3 Rc8? 4.19/26

[27...Qa1+ 2.30/24 was called for. 28.Bf1 Bc8]

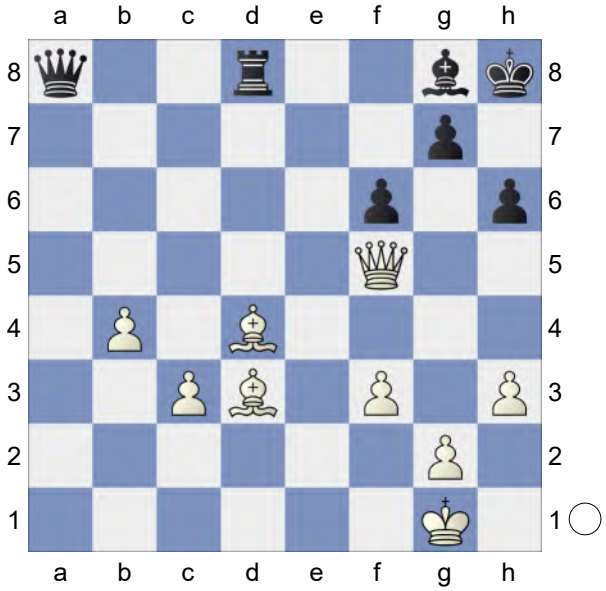
28.Bd3 A strong pair of Bishops.

28...Bd5 29.Qd7 Repels Rc7 **29...Bg8**

30.Qf5 Threatening mate with Qxf6!.

30...Rd8? 12.49/23

[30...Rf8 3.83/26 31.b5 Qd5 32.Qxd5 Bxd5]



31.Qxf6! Demolition **31...gxf6**

[31...Rxd4 32.Qxd4]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.97 **32.Bxf6#**

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17 **B30**

□ **Matencio,Jan Carlsen** **2839**

■ **Oparin,Grigoriy** **2660**

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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4

13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.c3N

[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...d5 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d3 Nf6 0.13/21

[6...Ne7∓ -0.33/19]

7.Qe2 -0.71/21

[7.e5= 0.13/21 keeps the balance. Nd7 8.0-0]

7...a5 0.31/22

[7...c4!∓ -0.71/21 8.e5 cxd3 9.Qxd3 Nd7]

8.c4± White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.0-0 a4 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bg5** -0.91/23

[11.Qc2± 0.49/19]

11...h6 0.01/21

[11...Nxe4!∓ -0.91/23 12.dxe4 Bxg5]

12.Bh4 -0.65/20

[12.Bxf6= 0.01/21 Bxf6 13.Rac1]

12...Ba6 0.63/21

[Black should try 12...Nxe4!∓ -0.65/20 13.Bxe7 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qxe7]

13.b3 0.01/23

[13.e5!± 0.63/21 Nd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.b3]

13...axb3 0.56/22

[13...Nxe4= 0.01/23 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Bxh4 16.Nxh4 Qc7]

14.axb3 Bb7 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.Ra1 0.56/22

[16.e5± 0.97/23 g5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Rc1 gxh4 19.h3]

16...Bb7 17.e5 Nd7 1.29/23

[17...g5!± 0.46/22]

18.Bxe7± Qxe7 19.Ra7 Rb8 1.59/25

[⌓19...Nb6 1.16/23]

20.Na4 White has more active pieces.

20...Bc8 21.Qc2 f6? 3.16/24

[21...Rb7± 1.34/26 was necessary. 22.Ra8 Qf8]

22.h3+- Qf8? 4.26/23

[22...fxe5?! 23.Nxe5 Qd6 24.Nxd7 Bxd7 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Qxc5+-]

[22...Rb7 2.65/22]

23.Qc3 d4 24.Qa5 0.60/24

[24.Qe1+- 3.32/23]

24...Rxb3± aiming for ...Rb1+. **25.Qc7** -0.17/29

[White should play 25.Qe1!± 0.75/24]

25...Rb8? 4.95/26

[25...Rxd3? perishes. 26.Ra8 Rd1+ 27.Kh2+-]

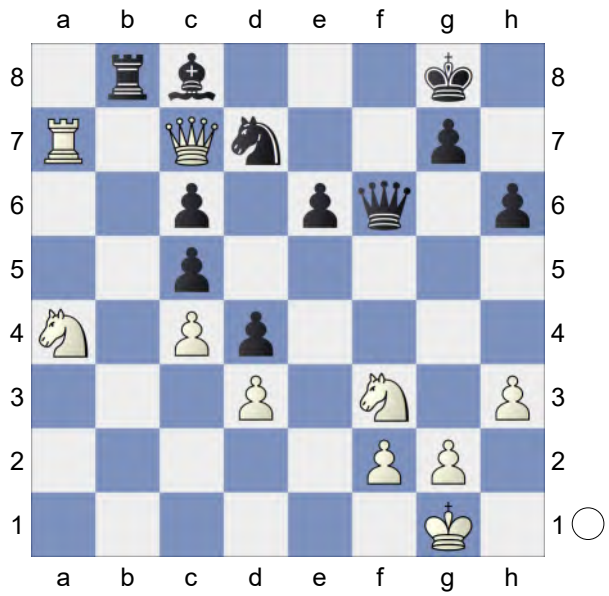
[25...Rb1+= -0.17/29 and Black stays safe. 26.Kh2 fxe5 27.Qxc6 Qf4+ 28.g3 Qc1 29.Qxe6+ *(29.Qxc8+? Nf8-+)* 29...Kh8]

26.exf6+-

[26.Qxc6 Rb1+ 27.Kh2 fxe5±]

26...Qxf6

(Diagram)



27.Nb6? 0.07/23 **e5?** 8.84/25 **28.Nxd7** Excellent horsemanship. **28...Rb1+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.g3 Qxf3 31.Qxc8+ Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=0.92 **32.Nf8+**

[32.Nxe5? Qxf2#]

1-0

18 **B30**

□ **Nakamura,Hi** **2804**

■ **Caruana,F.** **2776**

13th Norway Chess 2025 (6.2) 01.06.25

[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...d6

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 e5 7.c3 Be7 8.d4 cxd4 White is slightly better. **9.cxd4 Bg4 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Be3 Nf6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nd4 14.Bxd4 Qxd4 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Red1 Qb4 17.a3 Qxb2 18.Rdb1 Qd2** Strongly threatening ...Rac8. **19.Rxb7 Bc5 20.Ra2**

[20.Rd1!? Bxf2+ 21.Kh2 Qf4+ 22.Qxf4 exf4 23.e5=]

20...Qd6

[But not 20...Bxf2+? 21.Kh1 Qd6 22.Qxf2+- *(22.Rxf2 Qxa3 23.Nd5* Discovered Attack *Qxf3+-)*]

21.Rbb2 Rfd8 0.05/21

[21...Rfc8∓ -0.34/21 is superior.]

22.Rc2 White is weak on the dark squares **22...Rac8 23.a4 Bd4 24.Nd5 Nxd5 25.exd5 Rxc2** The position is equal. **26.Rxc2 g6 27.Rc6 Qxd5 28.Qxd5 Rxd5 29.Bxa6 Rc5 30.Rc8+ Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05

(flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
31.Rxc5
½-½

19 **B30**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2737**
■ **Oparin,G.** **2660**
Saint Louis Rapid 2025 (8.5) 13.08.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
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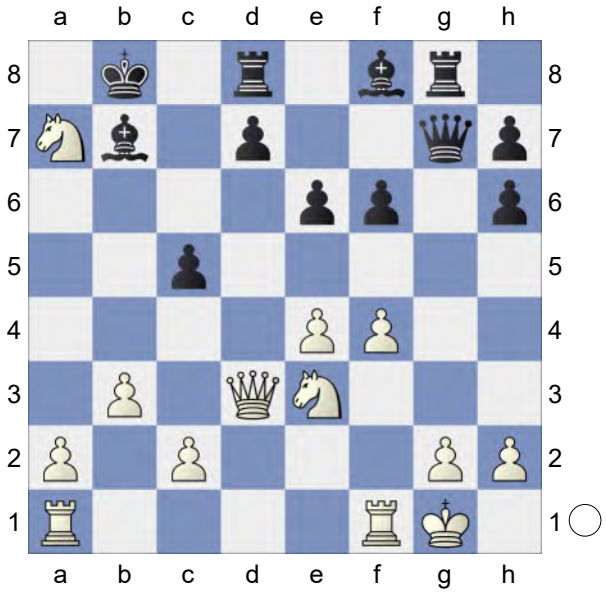
4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 Nh6 7.d4 cxd4 1.10/20
[7...Nf7± 0.35/20]
8.Bxh6!±
[8.Qxd4?! Nf7=]
8...gxh6 9.Nxd4 White is better. **9...Qa5** Prevents Qh5+ **10.Nd2 Rg8 11.Nc4 Qg5 12.Ne3 Bb7 13.f4** Repels Qe5 **13...Qg7 14.Qd3** -0.07/20
[14.Rf2± 1.18/19]
14...c5 0.87/22
[14...f5!= -0.07/20]
15.Nb5 0-0-0 Repels Nc7 **16.Nxa7+** Excellent horsemanship. **16...Kb8**



17.Qb5! Bd6 Black is weak on the light squares **18.Rad1** Deflection. Really sharp! White is more active. **18...Bc7 19.Qxc5 Qf8 20.Qxf8 Rdxf8**

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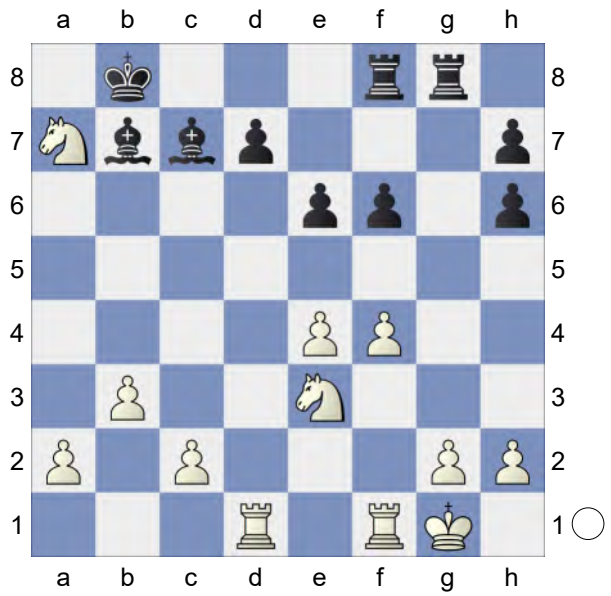
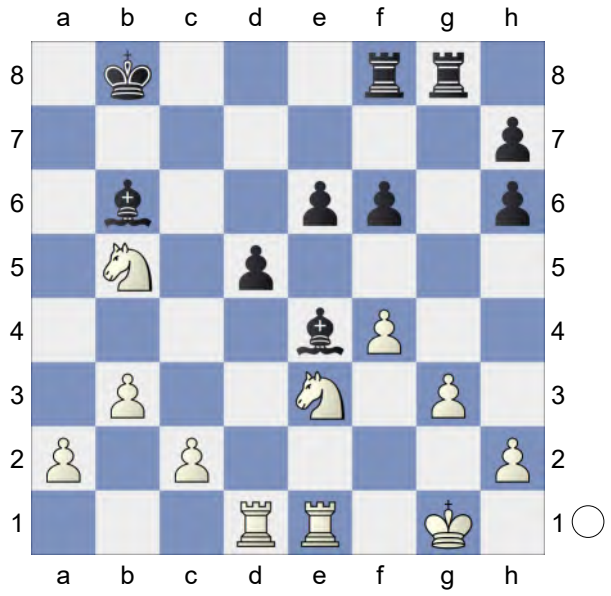


21.Nb5!
[21.Rxd7 Bb6 *(21...Bxe4 22.Rxc7 Kxc7 23.Nb5+ Kd7 24.Nc3±)* 22.Kf2 *(22.Rxb7+? Kxb7 23.Re1 Bxa7-+)* 22...Bxe4-+ *(22...Bxa7 23.Kf3-+; 22...Kxa7 23.g3∓)*]
21...Bb6 22.Rfe1 Bxe4 23.g3↑ White has strong initiative.
[Much weaker is 23.Rxd7 Rxg2+ 24.Kf1 Rxh2∓]
23...d5



24.Kf1! Rd8? 2.43/22
[24...h5± 0.87/21]
25.Nd4 Rd6 26.c4 aiming for f5. This costs Black the game. **26...Rc8?** 3.31/22
[26...h5± 1.48/21 is a better defense. 27.b4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 h4]
27.f5+- Bxd4 28.Rxd4 e5 29.Rxd5 Bxd5 30.Nxd5 Endgame KRR-KRN
30...Kb7 31.Re4 White is clearly winning. **31...Ra8 32.a4 Kc6 33.Ke2 Rb8 34.b4 Rxd5 35.b5+ Rdxb5 36.cxb5+** KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
36...Kb6 37.Rh4 Ka5 38.Rxh6 Kxa4 39.Rxf6 Kxb5 40.Ke3 Kc5 41.Ke4 Rb2 42.Kxe5 Re2+ 43.Kf4 Rxh2 44.g4 h6 45.Re6 Kd5 46.Re1 Rd2 47.Kg3 Rd3+ 48.Kh4 Rd2 49.Kh5 Rh2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.48 **50.Kg6**
1-0

20 **B30**
□ **Wei Yi** **2758**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2776**
13th Norway Chess 2025 (2.3) 27.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

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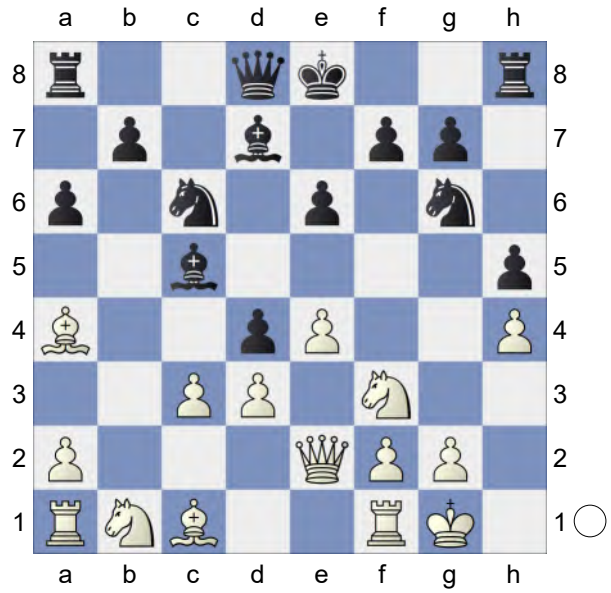
Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...d5 5.d3 Bd7 6.Qe2 Nge7 7.h4 h5 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...d4 9.b4 a6 10.Ba4 Ng6 11.bxc5 Bxc5**



12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.cxd4 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bb2 Qd7 16.Na3 e5
[16...Nxh4 17.Nc4±]
17.Nc4

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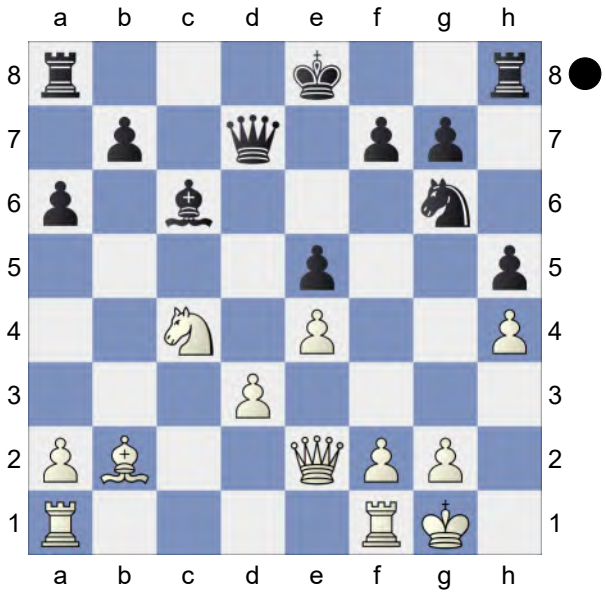

aiming for Nb6. **17...Qe6 18.g3 Rd8 19.Ne3 Ne7** Repels Nf5 **20.f4** -0.31/22
[20.Rfd1± 0.34/21]
20...Bb5 21.Rad1
[21.fxe5? Bxd3 22.Qf3 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 0-0 *(23...Qxa2 24.Nd5=)* 24.Qxh5 Rd2-+ *(24...Qxa2? 25.Bc1-+)*]
21...exf4 22.Rxf4 f6 23.Nf5 -0.80/23
[23.Rf2= 0.01/22 remains equal.]
23...Nxf5∓
[23...Qxa2? 24.Nxg7+ Kd7 25.Rf2+- *(25.Rxf6 Kc8+-; 25.Nxh5 Rxh5 26.Qg4+ f5=; 25.Ra1 Qb3+-)*]
24.Rxf5 Qxa2 Hoping for ...Bxd3!. This move loses the game for White.
25.Rxh5? -2.16/25
[25.Rd2∓ -0.49/21 Qe6 26.Rxh5]
25...0-0-+ 26.Ra1? -5.17/23
[26.Rd2 -1.82/22 was the crucial defense. Bxd3 27.Qd1]
26...Qf7 Black is clearly winning.
[Not 26...Bxd3? 27.Rh8+ Kxh8 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Rxa2+-]
27.Rf5 Rxd3 28.Rxb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.09 (flawless)
28...Qc4
0-1

21 **B30**
□ **Vatsal_1123_bot** **2969**
■ **duchessAI** **2845**
Rapid 28.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+10sec B30: Sicilian: 2... Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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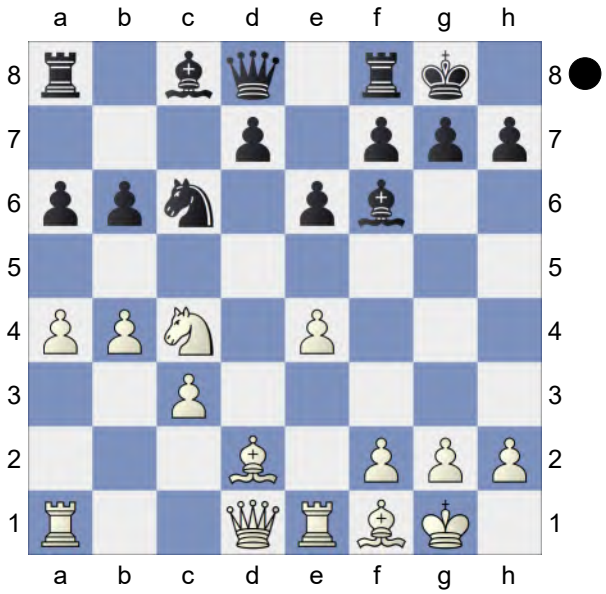
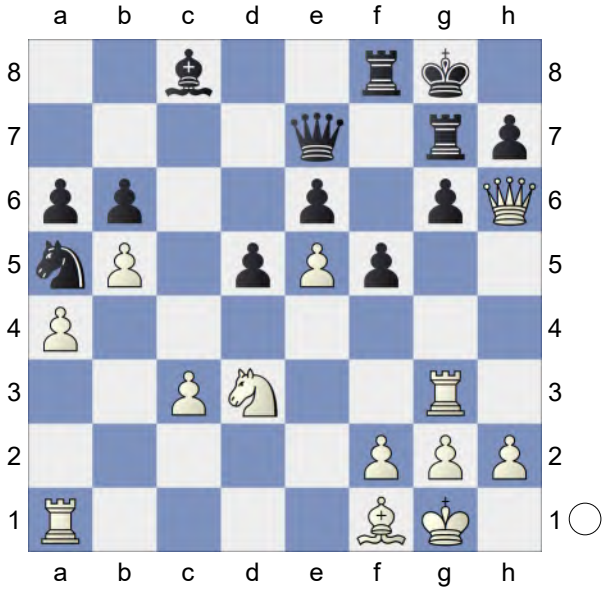
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4 Inhibits Bc5. **9...Be7 10.a4** White is slightly better. **10...0-0 11.Na3 dxc3 12.dxc3 Bf6 13.Bd2 b6 14.Nc4**



d5 15.e5! Be7 16.Nb2 Bg5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Nd3 Ra7 White now steadily converts the win. **19.Re3 Qd8 20.Rh3 f5 21.Qh5 g6 22.Qh6 Rg7 23.b5 Na5 24.Rg3 Qe7**



25.h4! axb5 26.axb5 Nc4 27.Re1 Qc7 28.h5 gxh5 29.Rh3
[29.Qxh5 Rxg3 30.fxg3 Qg7±]
29...Kh8 2.74/22
[⌓29...Rg6 1.72/23 30.Qxh5 Rg7]
30.Rxh5+- Rff7 31.g3 Bd7 32.Rg5 Nd2 33.Rxg7 Nf3+ 34.Kh1 Rxg7

35.Ra1 Bc8 36.Nf4
[36.Ra8 Qb7 37.Ra1 Qe7±]
36...Nxe5 And now ...Ng4 would win.
37.Nxe6
[37.Ra8 Rg8±]
37...Bxe6 38.Qxe6 Rf7 39.Rd1
[Less strong is 39.Qxd5 Qxc3 40.Ra8+ Kg7±]
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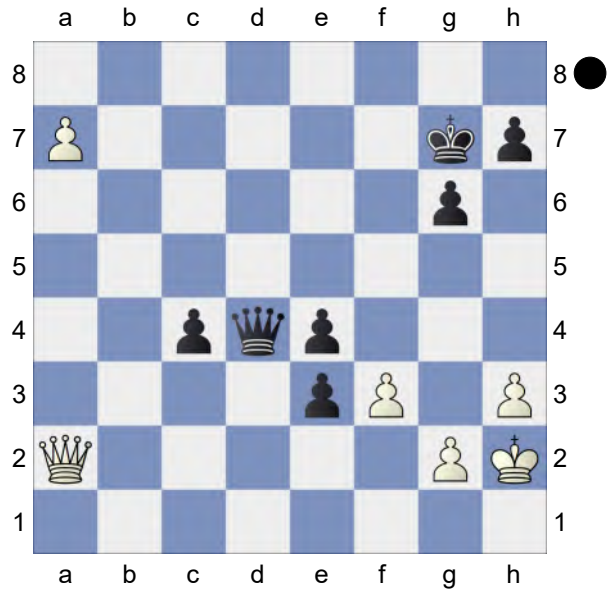
[40.Qxd5 fxg3 41.fxg3 Qxc3=]
40...Ng6 41.g4 Black is weak on the light squares **41...Nf8 42.Qe1 Rg7 43.Qe8 Rg8 44.c4 Ng6 45.Qe4 Qg7 46.Bd3 Qb2 47.Qe6** Active counter play! **47...Nf8 48.Qxb6 Rg7 49.Qd4 Qa3 50.Qxf4 Kg8 51.c5 Ne6** Prevents Rd8+. **52.Qb8+ Nf8 53.Rf5 Qc1+ 54.Kh2 Rf7 55.Qe5** Hoping for c6. **55...Ng6 56.Qe8+ Rf8 57.Qe6+ Kh8 58.Rxf8+ Nxf8** Endgame KQB-KQN. White is 3 pawns up. **59.Qe5+ Kg8 60.Be4 Qh6+ 61.Kg2 Qg7 62.Qxg7+ Kxg7** KB-KN. White is 3 pawns up. **63.b6** White threatens b7 and mate. **63...Ne6 64.b7 Nxc5 65.b8Q**
[Not 65.b8B Nxe4 66.f4 h5=]
65...Nxe4 66.Qe5+ Kg6 67.Qxe4+ Kf6 68.Qe8 h6 69.f4 Kg7 70.Qe7+ Kh8 71.f5 White mates. **71...h5 72.f6 h4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.47 **73.Qg7#**
1-0

22 **B31**
□ **TheMatrix2025** **3116**
■ **ArasanX** **3112**
Rapid 19.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+5sec B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.h3 f5 9.e5 Nf7! 10.d4 The position is equal. **10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Bb7 12.Na3 c5 13.dxc5 Rc8! 14.Be3 Bxf3! 15.Qxf3 Nxe5 16.Qd1 Nf7** 0.53/20
[16...Nc6= 0.15/20]
17.Qa4± Bxb2 18.Rad1 Bxa3 19.Qxa3 Qc7 20.c6 Discovered Attack **20...dxc6 21.Bc5**
[21.Bxa7 c5 22.Rb1 Ra8=]

21...Nd6! **22.f3** White has compensation. **22...Rf7** **23.Qc3** **f4** **24.Rd4** **Rd8** **25.Qa3** **Nb5** **26.Rxd8+** **Qxd8** **27.Qa6** **Qd5** **28.Bxa7**
[28.Bxe7? Rxe7 29.Rxe7 Qc5+ 30.Kh2 Qxe7-+]
28...Nxa7 **29.Qxa7=** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **29...e5** **30.Qb8+** **Kg7** **31.a4** **Re7** **32.Qb2** **c5** **33.Re4** Wards off Qd4+ **33...Rb7** **34.Qa1** **Rb4** **35.Qe1** **Rb3**
[35...Rxe4?! 36.Qxe4 Qe6 37.Qb7+ Kh6 38.a5±]
36.a5 **c4** **37.a6** **Qc5+** **38.Kh2** **Re3** **39.Rxe3** **fxe3** KQ-KQ. Black is a pawn up. **40.Qa1⇄** Strongly threatening a7. White puts up resistance **40...Qd4**
[40...e2!? 41.a7□ e1Q 42.Qxe1 Qxa7=]
41.Qa2 **e4** and ...exf3 should not be overlooked **42.a7**



e2! Deflection **43.Qxe2**
[43.Qa5 keeps more tension. Qd6+ 44.g3 Qd4 45.Qc7+]
43...Qxa7 **44.Qxc4** **exf3** **45.Qc3+** **Kg8** **46.Qxf3** **Qc7+** **47.Qg3** **Qxg3+** **48.Kxg3** KPP-KPP **48...Kf7** **49.h4** **Ke6** **50.h5** **Ke5** **51.hxg6** **hxg6** KP-KP
52.Kf2 **Ke4** **53.g3** -0.42/48
[53.Kg3= -0.01/44]
53...g5∓ **54.g4** **Kf4** **55.Kf1** **Kg3**
[55...Kf3!?]
56.Kg1 **Kf3**
[56...Kxg4!? 57.Kg2□ Kh4=]
57.Kf1 -0.71/47
[57.Kh2= -0.28/57]
57...Kf4∓
[57...Kxg4!? 58.Kg2□ Kf4=]
58.Kg1 **Kg3**
[58...Kxg4!? 59.Kg2□ Kh4=]
59.Kf1 -0.45/55
[59.Kh1= -0.08/59 is more appropriate.]
59...Kf3!∓ **60.Kg1** **Kg3**
[60...Kxg4!? 61.Kg2□ Kh4=]
61.Kf1 **Kf3** **62.Kg1** **Kxg4=** -1.04/22 KP-K. Black is a pawn up.
[62...Kg3= 0.01/47]
63.Kg2∓ **Kf4!** (→ ...Kg4) **64.Kf2** **g4** **65.Kg2** **Kf5** 0.13/95
[65...g3∓ -0.73/95]
66.Kf1 -0.85/95
[66.Kh2= 0.13/95]
66...Kf4 0.01/94
[66...g3∓ -0.85/95]
67.Kf2 -1.09/95
[67.Kg2= 0.01/94]
67...g3+! **68.Kg1** **Kg5** 0.00/94
[Black should play 68...Kf3∓ -0.77/94 (→ ...g2) 69.Kh1 Kg4]
69.Kf1 -0.57/95
[69.Kh1= 0.00/94]
69...Kh5 **70.Kg1**

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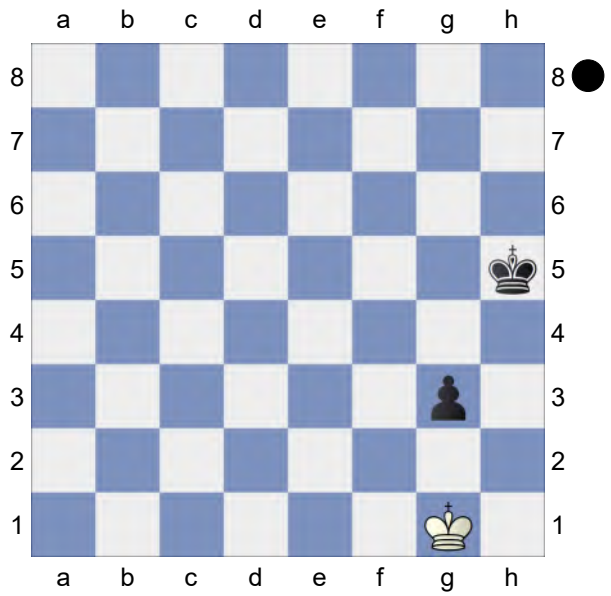
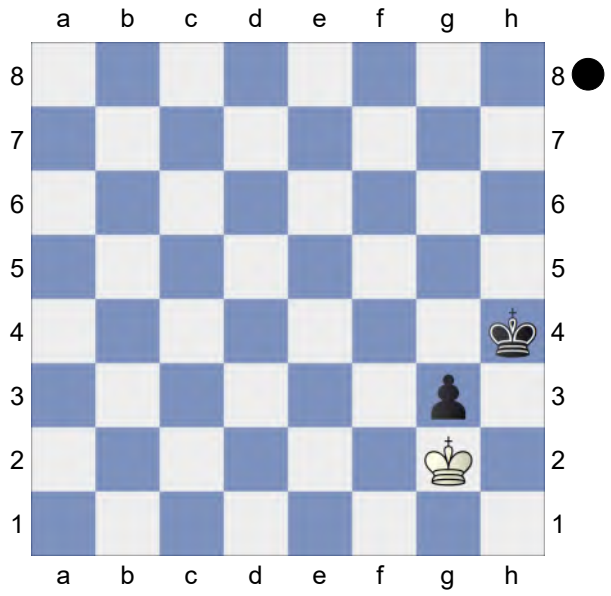


Kh4 -0.75/25
[⌓70...g2! -1.15/95]
71.Kg2

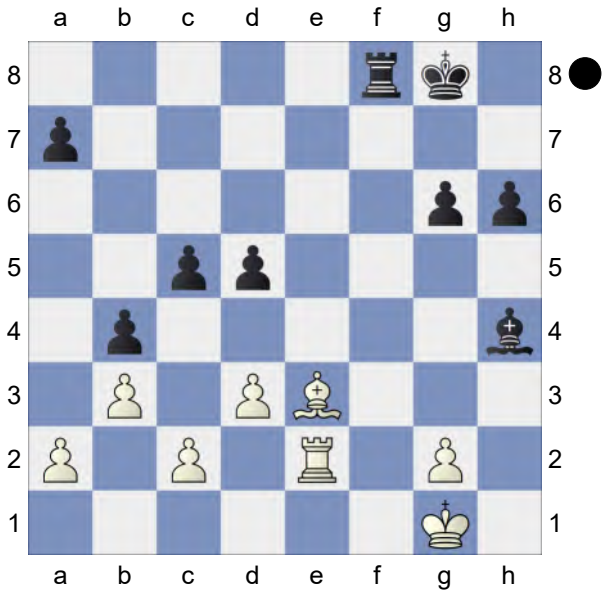


Kg4! 72.Kg1 Kf3
[72...Kf4!?]
73.Kf1 g2+ 74.Kg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **74...Kg3**
½-½

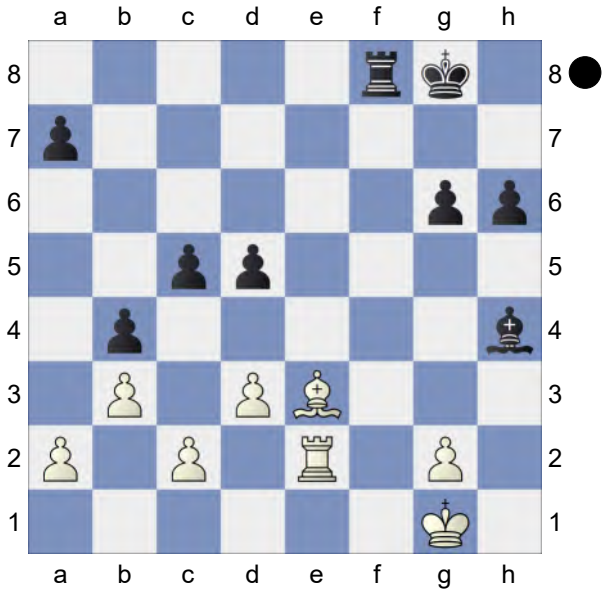
23 **B31**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2693**
Niemann-Sarin Blitz 2025 (14) 08.06.25
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975) 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 h6 10.Nh2 Qe7 11.0-0! Nf8 White is

slightly better. **12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Ne6 14.Bg3 Nd4** 0.94/20
[14...Qg5± 0.53/20 is superior. 15.Qe1 Nd4]
15.Nf3 0.45/21
[15.Rae1± 0.94/20]
15...0-0± 16.Rae1 Be6 17.e5
[17.Nxd4!? Bxd4+ 18.Kh1±]
17...Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3 Hoping for Ne4.
18...Bd5! 19.Rf2 Rad8 20.b3 b5 21.Qe3 0.18/19 White is more active.
[Better is 21.Rfe2± 0.69/20]
21...f5!= 22.exf6 Qxe3 23.Rxe3 Bxf6 24.Be5 Rde8 25.Rfe2 Bg5 26.Rg3 -0.68/23
[26.Bf4± 0.41/23 Rxe3 27.Bxe3]
26...b4 -0.04/26
[26...Re6∓ -0.68/23 27.Bc7 Rfe8 28.Rxe6 Rxe6]
27.Nxd5 -0.73/29
[27.h4!= -0.04/26 remains equal. bxc3 28.hxg5]
27...cxd5∓ 28.h4! Bf6 29.Rge3
[29.Rxg6+? Kh7 30.Rxf6 Rxf6-+]
29...Bxh4 30.Bf4 Repels Bg5.
Discovered Attack **30...Rxe3** Remove Defender **31.Bxe3**



Re8 -0.14/23
[31...Rc8!∓ -1.05/24 32.Bxh6 Kf7]
32.Kf1= Rf8+ 33.Kg1



Re8 0.01/26
[Black should play 33...Rc8!∓ -0.98/26 aiming for ...Bf6. 34.Bxh6 Kf7]
34.Kf1 Rf8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise) **35.Kg1**
½-½

24 **B31**
□ **RaspFish** **3112**
■ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3101**
Rapid 14.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.h3 e5 6.d3 Bg7 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Be3 d6 9.a3 a5 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nc4 Be6 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Bd2 f6 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 d5 16.Na5 cxb4! 17.Bxb4 c5 18.Bd2 d4 19.Nc4 Rfb8 20.c3 dxc3 21.Bxc3 Nc6 22.Bd2 Nb4 23.Rfc1 Bf8 24.Be3 Qb7 25.Rxa8 Rxa8 26.Qd1 Rd8 27.Ne1 Be7 28.Qb3 Qa6 29.Qc3 Na2 30.Qa1 Ra8 31.Rb1 Nb4 32.Qc3 Qa2 33.Qc1 Kg7 34.Kh2 h5 35.Bh6+ Kf7 and ...Bxc4! would now be decisive **36.Be3 Ke8 37.Nb6** Excellent horsemanship. **37...Ra6 38.Nc4!** Prevents Qa3. **38...Qa4 39.Kh1 Ra7 40.f4 exf4**

[40...Nxd3 41.Nd6+ Bxd6 42.Nxd3 Qxe4 43.Nxc5 Bxc5 44.Rb8+ Kf7]

41.Bxf4 Nxd3 Decoy **42.Nd6+! Bxd6** The position is equal. **43.Nxd3** White is weak on the light squares

[43.Qd2 Bxf4 44.Qxd3 Rd7 45.Qf3]

43...Qxe4

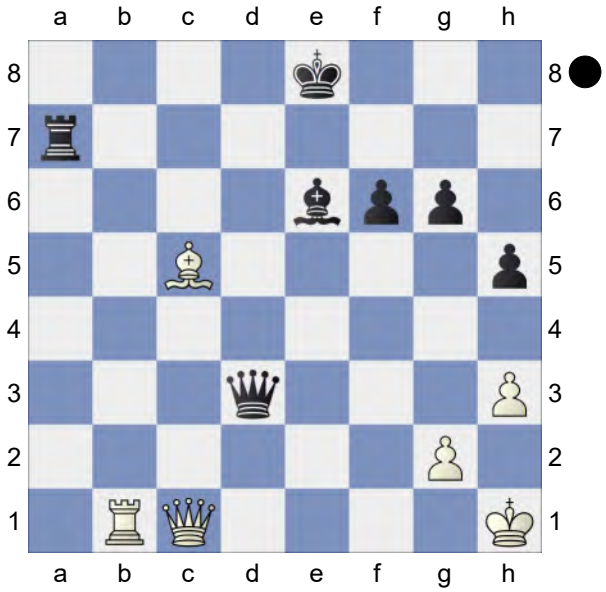
[43...Qd4 44.Bxd6 Qxd6 45.Qxc5 Qxc5 46.Nxc5 Kf7]

44.Bxd6

[But not 44.Nxc5 Qxf4 45.Qxf4 Bxf4∓]

[44.Nxc5 Qxf4 45.Qxf4 Bxf4 46.Nxe6 Be5]

44...Qxd3 45.Bxc5



Bd5! 46.Kh2

[46.Rb2 Rc7 47.Qe3+ Qxe3 48.Bxe3 g5 49.Rb5]

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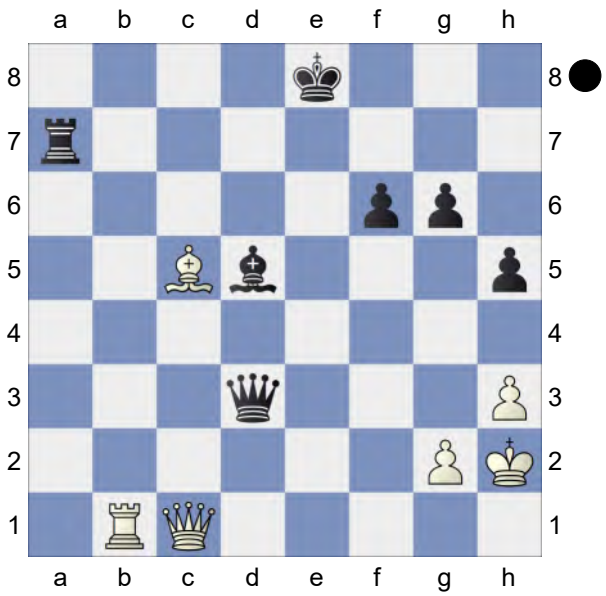
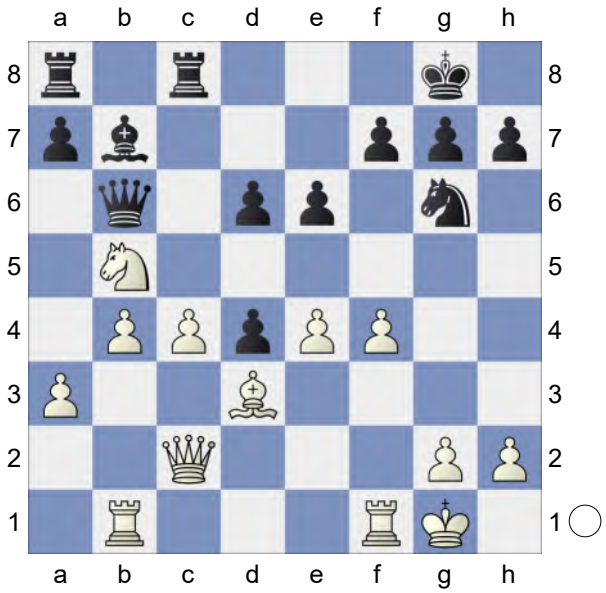


46...Qe4! 47.Qf1 Qe5+ 48.Kg1 Rc7
[48...Ra2 49.Qb5+ Kd8 50.Bb6+ Ke7]
49.Re1 Pin **49...Be4**
[49...Rxc5 simplifies 50.Rxe5+ fxe5 51.Qa6 Bc6]
50.Bf2
[50.Qb5+ Kf7 51.Qb3+ Qd5 52.Qxd5+ Bxd5]
50...Rc2 51.Qa6 and Qa4+ would now be decisive **51...Qf4 52.Re2** The board is on fire.
[52.Qb5+ Kf8 53.Re2 Rc1+ 54.Re1]
52...Rxe2
[52...Qc1+ keeps more tension. 53.Kh2 Rxe2 54.Qe6+ Kf8]
53.Qxe2= Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **53...Qc1+ 54.Kh2 Qc6 55.h4 Qd5 56.Be3 Qd6+ 57.Kg1 Qc6 58.Qa2 Ke7 59.Qf2 Ke6 60.Qd2 Bd5 61.Qf2 Kf7 62.Kh2 Qe6 63.Bf4 Bb7 64.Be3 Qe4 65.Bd4 Qe6 66.Be3 Qe5+ 67.Qf4 Qxf4+ 68.Bxf4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
68...Ke6
½-½

25 **B30**
□ **Berserk12-X** **3274**
■ **klari64** **2834**
Blitz 12.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 Ng6 9.c4 The position is equal.
9...c5 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Be3 Qc7 13.f4 d6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.a3 Bf6

16.Qc2 Bd4 0.98/21
[16...Bxc3= 0.24/19 17.Qxc3 a5]
17.Bxd4± cxd4 18.Nb5 Qb6 19.b4 c5 is the strong threat. White is more active. Black cannot hold the game after this. **19...Rfc8** 3.83/20
[19...Ba6± 0.80/21 is a better chance.]



20.e5!+- Deflection **20...dxe5** aiming for ...e4. **21.c5 Qc6 22.fxe5 Nxe5 23.Bxh7+**
[23.Nxd4 Qxg2+ 24.Qxg2 Bxg2±]
23...Kh8 24.Nd6
[24.Nxd4 Qxg2+ 25.Qxg2 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Kxh7±]
24...Qxd6 25.cxd6 Rxc2 26.Bxc2 Rd8 27.Rbe1 f6

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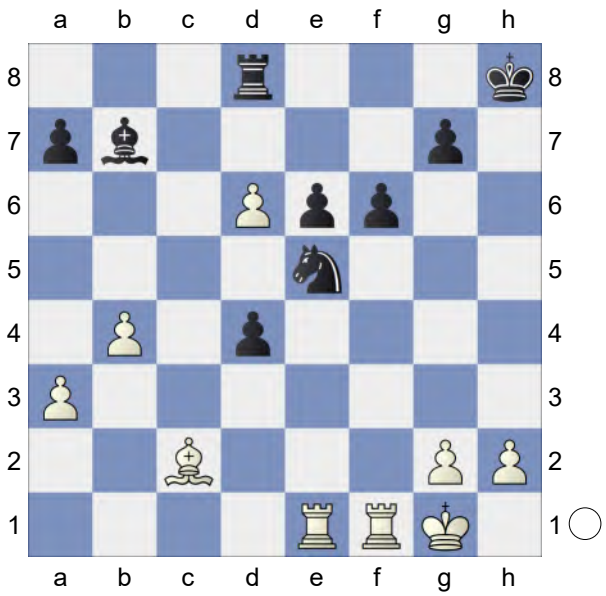

28.d7! Kg8
[28...Bd5 29.Rd1]
29.Ba4 White is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 29.Bb3 Bd5 30.Bxd5 exd5+-]
29...Ba6 7.17/23
[⌓29...Bd5 4.71/20 30.Rd1 d3]
30.Rf4 Nd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.92
31.Rxe6
1-0

26 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2757**
■ **Fedoseev,Vl3** **2739**
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B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-

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3...Nf6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.b3 g6 7.Bb2 Bg7 8.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Qe2 a5 10.a4 Nh5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qe3 Nf4 13.0-0**

[13.Qxc5 Nxg2+ 14.Kd1 f6∓]

13...b6 14.Nc4 Rb8 15.Nfe5 Excellent horsemanship. **15...Ne6 16.f4** -0.43/21

[16.Ng4= 0.17/22]

16...b5 0.20/22

[16...f6∓ -0.43/21 17.f5 fxe5 18.fxe6 Bxe6 *(18...Rxf1+? 19.Rxf1 Bxe6 20.Nd2-+)*]

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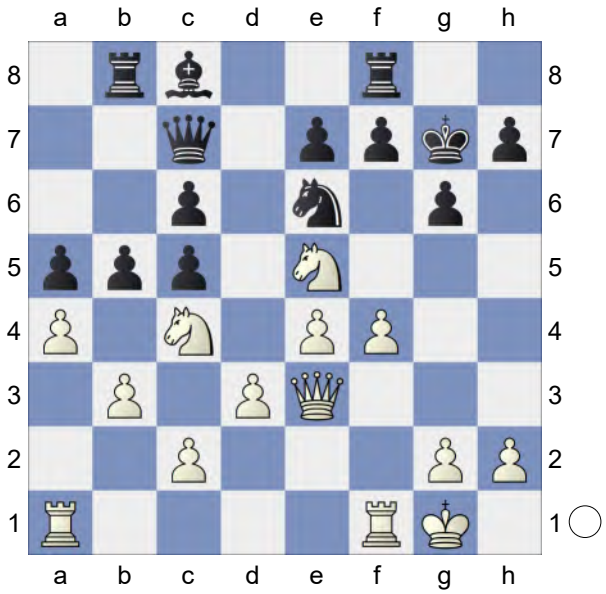
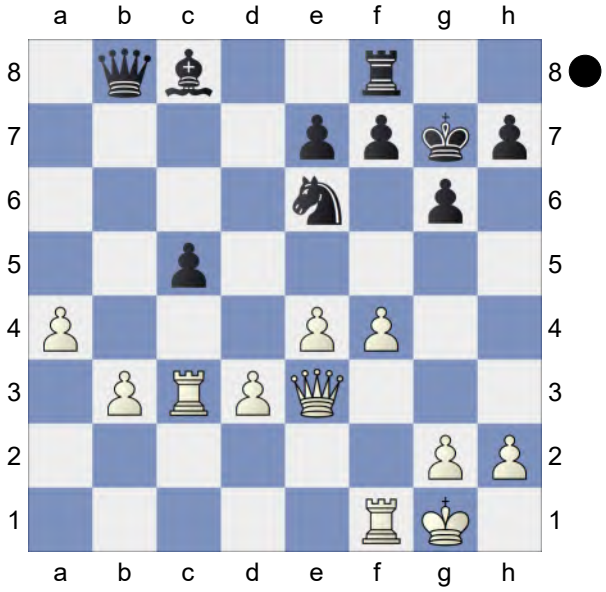


17.Nxa5 -0.54/24 **Qxa5∓ 18.Nxc6 Qc7 19.Nxb8 b4 20.Rac1** -1.10/24 **Qxb8∓ 21.c3 bxc3 22.Rxc3** -2.03/20

[22.f5∓ -1.06/22 Nd4 23.Rxc3]



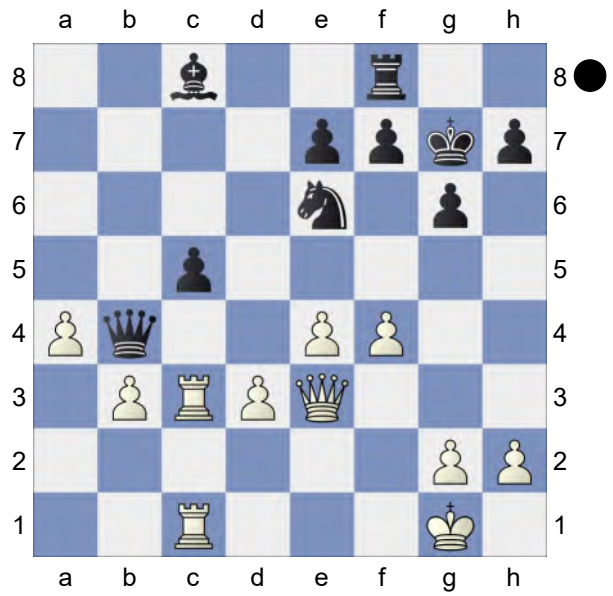
22...Qb4? -0.06/21

[Black should play 22...Ba6!-+ -2.03/20 And now ...Qb4 would win. 23.f5 Qb4]

This move loses the game for White.

23.Rfc1? -2.72/21

[23.Rc4!= -0.06/21 and White is okay. Qxb3 24.f5]

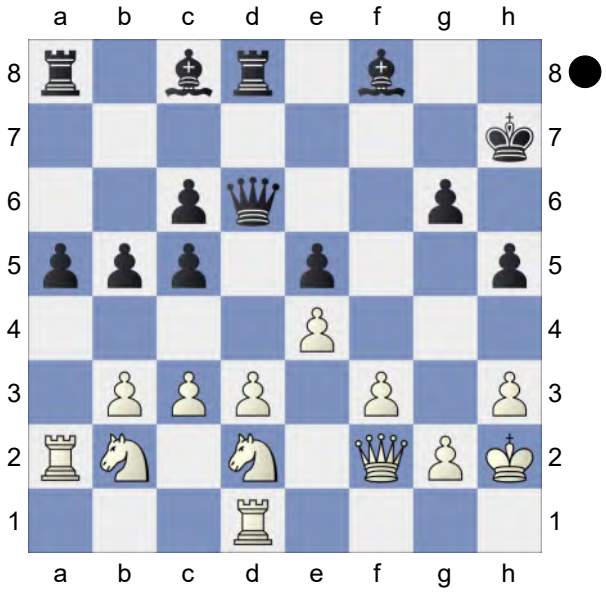


23...Ba6!-+ 24.h4? -4.94/22
[24.Kh1 -2.51/20]
24...Qd4 25.Qxd4+ cxd4
[25...Nxd4 26.Kf2=]
26.Rc6 Nxf4
[Less strong is 26...Bxd3 27.Rc8 Rxc8 *(27...Bxe4 28.Rxf8 Kxf8 29.g3∓)* 28.Rxc8-+]
27.Rd1 -5.56/23
[⌓27.R1c5 -3.87/21 Bxd3 28.Re5]
27...Bxd3 Black is clearly winning. **28.b4 Bxe4 29.Rc7 Nd5**
[Weaker is 29...Nxg2 30.Rxd4 Ba8 31.Rxe7=]
30.Rc5 e5
[30...Nxb4 31.Rxd4 Na6 32.Ra5∓]
31.a5 Nxb4 32.Rxe5 Bc2 33.Rd2 Strongly threatening Rb5!. **33...d3 34.Rc5 Re8 35.Kf2 Re6 36.Rc4 Nd5 37.Rd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.18 (very precise) **37...Nc3 0-1**

27 **B31**
□ **AKS-Mantissa** **2888**
■ **ArasanX** **3100**
Rapid 07.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min+5sec B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.a4 Nf6 9.a5 0-0 10.h3 0.10/21

[10.Bg5± 0.49/21]
10...Ne8= The position is equal. **11.Nc3 Nc7 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3 Ne6 14.Na4 Kh8 15.Nd2 f5 16.f3 f4 17.Bf2 Rd8 18.Kh2** -0.27/21
[⩲18.Kf1 0.26/19]
18...h5 19.Rh1 Bf8 20.Qe1 Qc7 21.Qg1 Nd4
[21...Qxa5?! 22.Nc4 Qc7 23.Nab6± *(23.Bxc5? b5-+)*]
22.c3 Nc2 23.Rc1 Qxa5 24.b3 -0.81/20
[24.Nc4= 0.01/22 Qxa4 25.Nxe5]
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
24...Ne3!∓ 25.Nb2 -1.26/22
[White should play 25.Nf1 -0.80/20]
25...b5 Black has more active pieces.
26.Bxe3 fxe3
[26...Qa3 keeps more tension. 27.Nbc4 bxc4 28.Ra1 Qb2]
27.Qxe3 Qc7 28.Ra1 Kh7 29.Rhd1 Qd6 30.Qf2 -1.53/19
[⩲30.Nf1 -1.17/20]
30...a5 31.Ra2



Be6! 32.Rda1 -2.71/22
[⩲32.c4 -1.61/20]

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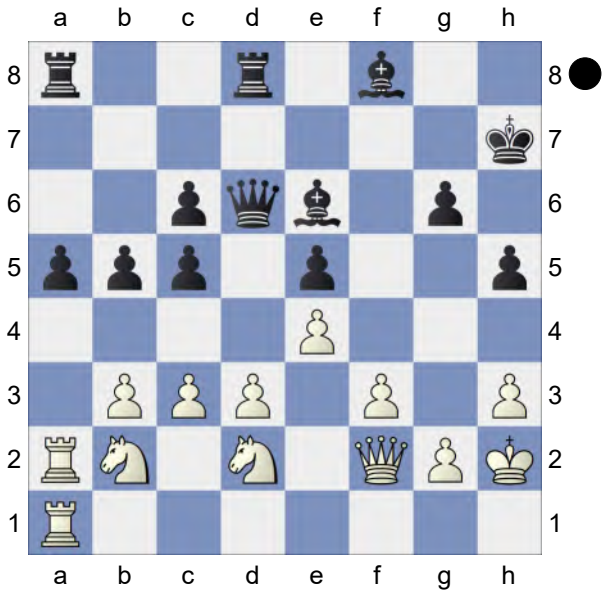

32...c4!-+ Deflection
[Worse is 32...a4 33.c4=]
33.bxc4 -2.53/20
[⩲33.Rxa5 -1.91/21 Rxa5 34.Rxa5]
33...a4 34.Nb1 Bh6 35.Na3 Rf8 36.cxb5 Bxa2 37.Rxa2 Qe6 38.c4? -5.23/19
[38.Nbc4 -2.94/20 was necessary. Rad8 39.Qc2]
38...g5 39.Nd1 g4 40.Qh4 g3+
[40...gxf3? 41.Qxh5 fxg2 42.Nf2-+]
41.Kh1 Rfd8 42.Qxg3 Rxd3 43.Nf2
White is weak on the dark squares
43...Rc3 44.Ra1 Qe7 45.h4 Rxa3 46.Rd1 cxb5 47.cxb5 Rg8 48.Qh2 Rb3 49.Qh3 Qf6 50.Qd7+ Kh8 51.Qf5 Qxf5 52.exf5 a3 53.Ra1 Ra8 ...a2! is the strong threat. **54.b6 a2 55.Nd1 Bd2 56.Rc1 Bxc1** Black mates. **57.b7 Rxb7 58.Kh2 a1Q 59.Kh3 Bf4 60.g3 Qxd1 61.gxf4 Qxf3+ 62.Kh2 Qe2+ 63.Kg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/ Black=0.08 (flawless) **63...Rb1#**
0-1

28 **B31**
□ **PatriciaBot** **2915**
■ **caissa-x** **3122**
Rapid 04.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 20min B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.d4 Nxe4 7.d5 Nd6 8.Bd3 Ne5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Re1 Bg7 White has an edge. **11.Bg5** -0.02/18
[11.Qe2!± 0.47/22 is more appropriate.]
11...f6= 12.Bh4 0-0 13.Nd2 White has compensation. **13...b6 14.a4 Bb7 15.Nc4 Ne8 16.Bc2 Ba6 17.Ne3 Nd6 18.Ng4 Qe8! 19.Bg3 Qf7 20.Bf4 Rfe8 21.a5 b5 22.Qd3 Bb7 23.Rad1! a6 24.h4 Nc4! 25.Bc1 f5↑** Black fights for an advantage. **26.b3! Nxa5 27.Ne5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5** Hoping for Qg3. **28...d6 29.Re2** -0.98/25
[29.Re6∓ -0.48/22]
29...c4∓ 30.bxc4 Nxc4 31.h5 Rac8! 32.hxg6 hxg6
[32...Qxg6 33.Re6 Qf7 34.Qh3± *(34.Qxf5 Qxf5 35.Bxf5 Ne5=)*]
33.Qg3 Kg7!
[33...Bxd5? 34.Rxd5 e5 35.Rd3+-]
Now White is beyond hope. **34.Bb3** -1.86/23
[Better is 34.Qg5!∓ -0.65/22 Ne5 *(34...Bxd5? 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Rxd5+-)* 35.Bf4]
34...Bxd5-+ 35.Qh4 -2.04/22
[35.Qg5∓ -1.37/22 Rc5 36.Qh6+ Kg8 37.Bg5]
35...e6! 36.Bxc4
[36.Rxd5? exd5 37.Rxe8 *(37.Bh6+? Kg8-+)* 37...Rxe8-+]
36...Rxc4 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Re3 -3.10/23
[38.Bg5 -2.06/20 keeps fighting. Rc5 *(38...Rxc3 39.Rxd5 Rc6 40.Bh4±)* 39.Bf4]
38...Rec8 39.Rg3 Rg4
[39...Rxc3? 40.Rxg6++-]
40.Rxg4 fxg4 41.Rd4

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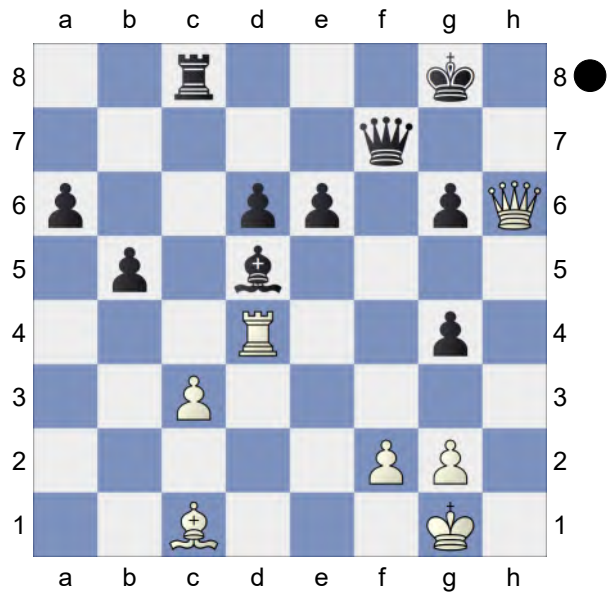

Qf5
[41...Rxc3 42.Rxg4 Rxc1+ 43.Qxc1±]
42.Qh4 Qb1
[42...Rxc3? 43.Be3 Rc4 44.Rxc4 Bxc4 *(44...bxc4? 45.Qe7-+)* 45.Qd8+ Qf8 46.Qh4∓]
43.Qg5 Kf7
[43...Rxc3 44.Qd8+ Kh7 45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.Qe8+ Kg7 47.Qe7+ Kg8 48.Qe8+ Kg7 49.Qe7+ Kg8=]
44.Rb4 -4.94/21
[⌓44.Rxg4 -3.32/22 Rxc3 45.Rf4+ Ke8 46.Rf8+ Decoy Kxf8 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kf6 49.Qd8+ Ke5 50.Qh8+ Kf5 51.Qxc3]
44...Qa1
[Wrong is 44...Qf5? 45.Rf4+- *(45.Rxg4?* is the wrong capture. *Qxg5 46.Bxg5 Rxc3-+)*]
45.Rxg4

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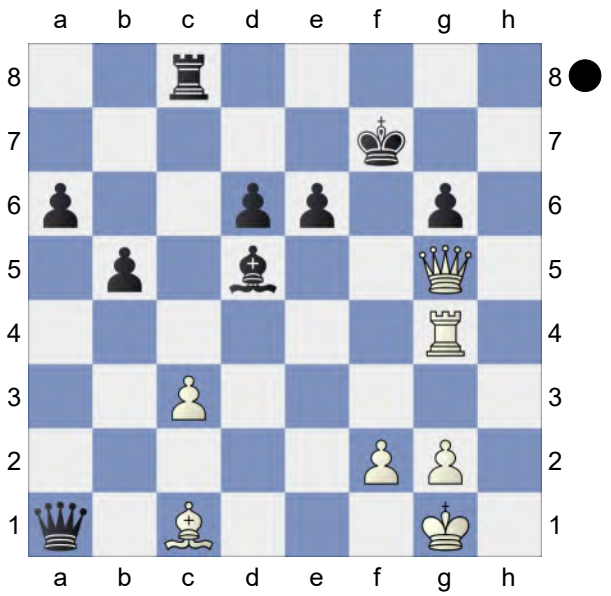

Ke8! 46.Qxg6+ Kd7 47.Qh7+ Kc6 48.Qc2 Kb6 White is weak on the light squares **49.Qb2 Qxb2 50.Bxb2** Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up.
50...Rc4 51.f3 -8.26/25
[⌓51.Rg8 -4.76/21 a5 52.Kh2]
51...Rxg4 52.fxg4 KB-KB. Black is a pawn up. **52...a5 53.Ba3 Kc6 54.g5 Be4 55.Kf1 Bg6 56.Kf2 e5 57.Ke2 Kd5 58.Ke1 e4 59.Kd2 Bh7 60.g3 Bg6 61.g4 Bh7 62.g6 Bxg6 63.g5 Bf7 64.Kc2 Bh5 65.Bc1 Kc4 66.Bf4 d5 67.Bc7 a4 68.Bd6 e3** Hoping for ... Bg6+. **69.Bf4 a3 70.Kb1 Kxc3** (→ ...b4) **71.Bxe3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.06 (flawless)
71...b4
0-1

29 **B31**
□ **tomlesspit** **3148**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2890**
Rapid 03.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min+10sec B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5**

2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Nf6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **10...b6 11.Rfe1 a5 12.d4 Ba6 13.h4 cxd4** White stays focused until the end. **14.cxd4 c5 15.d5 Qb8**

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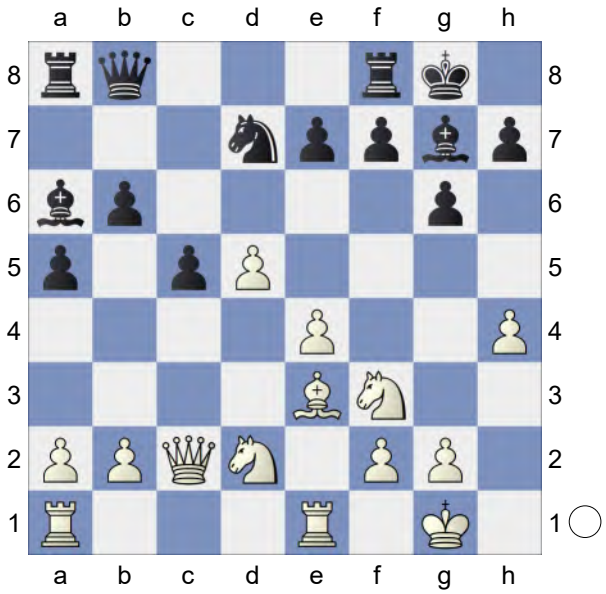
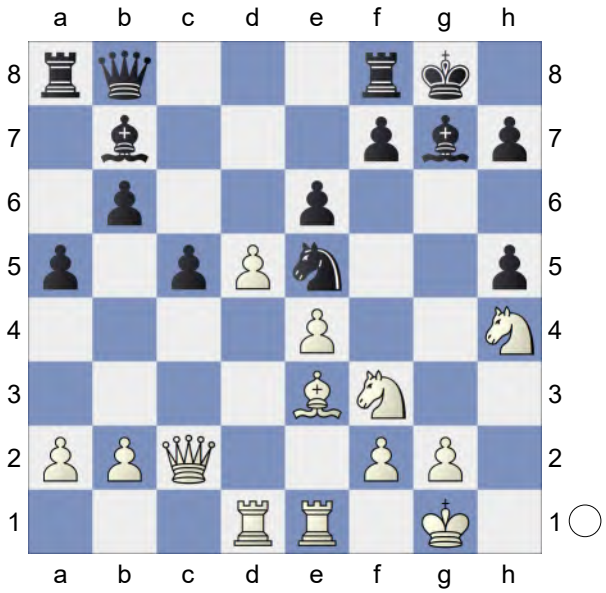
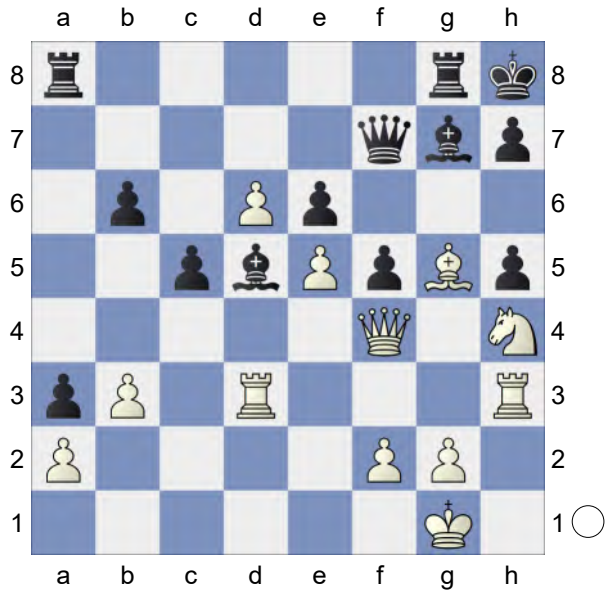


16.h5! gxh5 17.Nh4 e6 1.46/20 Wards off Nf5
[⌓17...Qe5 0.79/19]
18.Ndf3± White has strong compensation. **18...Ne5 19.Rad1** Wards off Bd3 **19...Bb7** 1.79/20
[19...a4± 1.34/19]



20.Qc1!+- Ng4 Wards off Bh6 **21.Bf4 Qc8 22.Bg3** White is more active. **22...a4 23.Nh2 Nxh2 24.Bxh2**
[24.Kxh2?! c4±]
24...Qd8 25.Bg3 Qe7 26.d6 Qd7

1.88/19
[26...Qd8± 1.52/20 27.d7 Ba6]
27.e5 f5 28.Bf4 Kh8 29.Re3 Rg8 30.Rh3 a3 31.b3
[31.bxa3 Ra4±]
[31.Rxa3 Rxa3 32.bxa3 Qa4±]
31...Qf7 32.Rdd3 Bf8 33.Bg5 Bg7 34.Qf4
[34.d7 Bd5∓ *(34...Bxe5? is the wrong capture. 35.d8Q+-)*]
34...Bd5? 6.78/20
[34...Be4 3.23/19 35.Rde3 *(35.d7 Bxd3 36.Rxd3 Rad8=)* 35...Bd5]



35.Rxd5! Deflection **35...exd5 36.Nxf5**
[36.Qxf5 Qxf5 37.Nxf5 Bxe5∓]
36...Raf8 37.Rf3 h4 38.Be7
[Inferior is 38.Qxh4 Bxe5 39.Ne7 Qg7 40.Rxf8 Rxf8=]
38...Ra8 39.Bxh4 b5 40.e6 Deflection **40...Qxe6 41.Nxg7 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qe4 43.Qxe4 dxe4 44.Rf7** Strongly threatening Bf6. **44...h6 45.Nh5 Rgf8 46.Re7 Rae8 47.Bf6+ Kg8 48.Rg7+ Kh8 49.d7 Ra8 50.Be5** Threatening mate with Re7+. **50...Rxf2 51.Re7+ Kg8 52.Nf6+ Rxf6 53.Bxf6** KRB-KR **53...Kf8 54.Rh7 e3 55.Rh8+ Kf7 56.Rxa8** White mates. **56...Kxf6** KR-KP **57.Re8 Kf5 58.d8Q e2 59.Qd5+ Kg6 60.Qe6+ Kg7 61.Rg8+ Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.66 **62.Qf7#**
1-0

30 **B31**
□ **pawn_git** **2776**
■ **SolistaBot** **3113**
Blitz 30.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4

Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.a4 Nf6 9.a5 0-0 10.Bg5 h6 White is slightly better. **11.Bh4 Qd6 12.Nbd2** Strongly threatening Nc4. **12...Nh5 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Ra4 f6 15.Nfd2 Rf7 16.Ra1 Be6 17.f3 Rd8 18.Bf2 b5 19.axb6 axb6 20.Be3** -0.43/22

[20.b3= -0.06/19 was preferable.]

20...Bf8∓ 21.Ra6 b5 22.Na5 Qc8 23.Rxc6

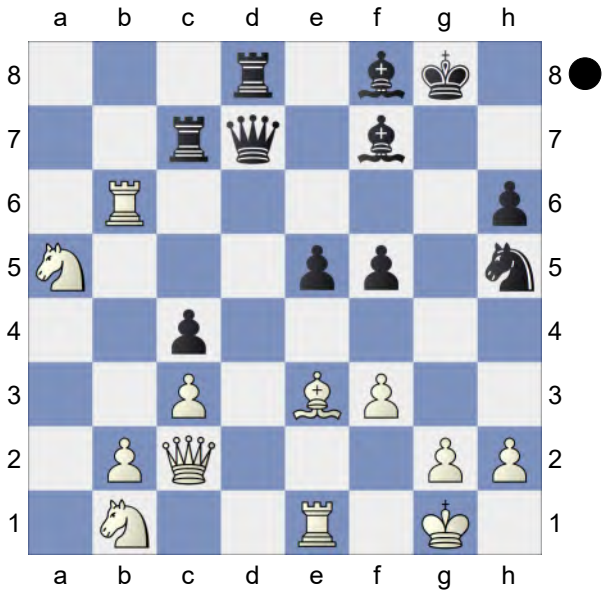
[23.Nxc6? Rd6 24.Nxe5 Rxa6-+ *(24...Qxa6 25.Nxg6 c4 26.f4∓)*]

23...Rc7 24.Rb6 c4 25.dxc4 bxc4 26.Qb1 f5↑ Black has the initiative. **27.exf5 gxf5 28.c3 Bf7 29.Qc2 Qd7** and ...f4 should not be overlooked This move loses the game for White. **30.Nb1?** -3.05/22

[30.Bxh6? too greedy. Bc5+ 31.Be3 Qxd2 32.Qxd2 Rxd2 33.Bxc5 Rxc5-+]

[30.Nf1∓ -0.43/20]

(Diagram)



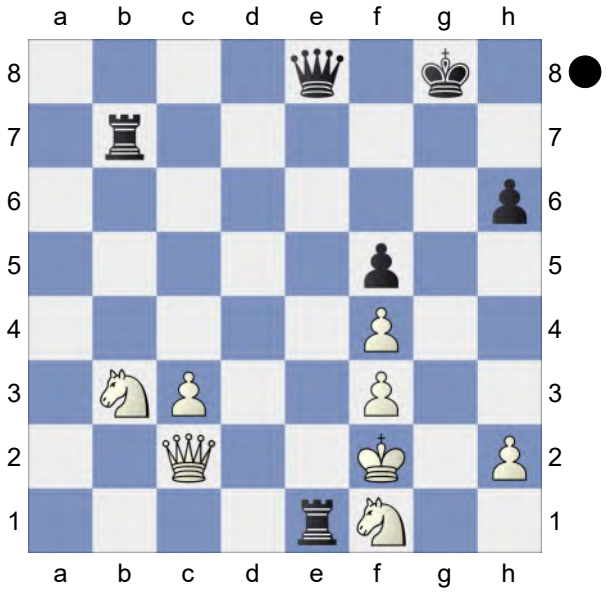
30...Nf4!-+ 31.Bxf4 -3.56/22

[31.Na3 -2.52/21 Nd3 32.Rd1]

31...exf4 32.Rf6 -5.63/23

[32.Kf1 -3.70/22 was necessary. Bc5 33.Rxh6]

32...Re8 33.Rf1 Re5 34.b4 cxb3 35.Nxb3 Bc4 36.N1d2 Bxf1 37.Nxf1 Bg7 38.Rg6 Re1 39.Kf2 Qe8 40.Rxg7+ Rxg7 41.g3 Rb7 42.gxf4



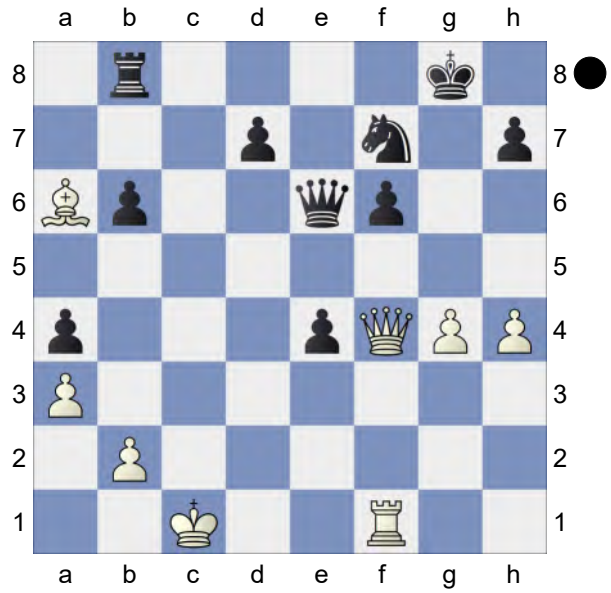
Rxf1+! Decoy **43.Kxf1** Endgame KQR-KQN **43...Qb5+ 44.Kg2 Qxb3 45.Qxf5 Qf7 46.Qe5 Re7 47.Qd6 Qa2+ 48.Kh3 Qe6+ 49.Qxe6+ Rxe6** KR-KP

50.Kg3 Kf7 51.Kg4 Kf6 52.Kh5 Kf5 53.c4 Kxf4 KR-K3P **54.c5 Rc6 55.h3 Rf6 56.h4 Kf5 57.f4 Kxf4** (→ ...Kf5). KR-KPP **58.c6 Kf5** (→ ...Rg6!) **59.c7 Rc6 60.c8Q+ Rxc8 61.Kxh6 Kf6 62.Kh7 Rc4 63.h5 Kf7** Black mates. **64.Kh8 Rh4 65.h6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/Black=0.01 (flawless) **65...Rxh6#**
0-1

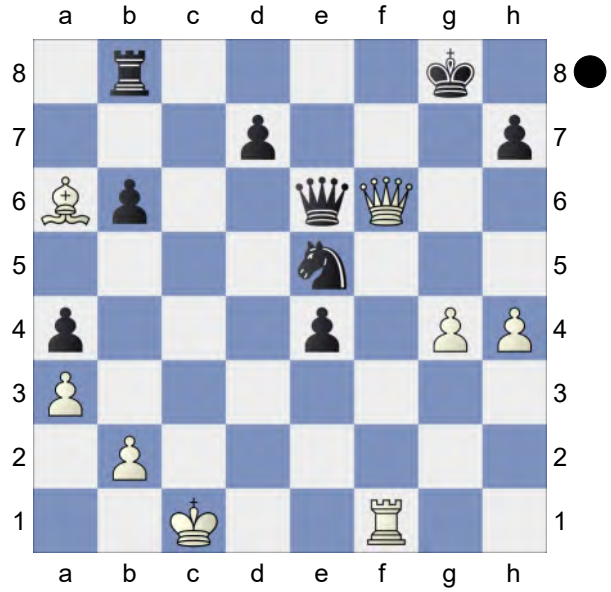
31 **B30**
□ **magnusglad_bot** **2845**
■ **SolistaBot** **3093**
Blitz 30.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 White has an edge. **9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Qd2 Bb4 14.f3 Qf6 15.Rc1 Bc5 16.f4** Inhibits Qg5. **16...Qe7 17.g3 f6 18.Rcd1 a5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 20.Qd4 a4 21.h4 Nh8 22.Kf2 Nf7 23.Qe3 Rfe8 24.Rd2 g6 25.Rfd1 Ra7 26.Nb5 Rb7 27.Nc3 Kg7 28.a3 Nh6 29.Nb5** Hoping for Nd6. **29...Nf7 30.Nc3 Kf8 31.Rf1 Rbb8 32.Rd3 e5 33.f5 gxf5**
[33...Qxc4 34.Nd5 Bxd5 35.Rxd5±]
34.exf5 e4 35.Rd4 Re5 Dodges Nd5 **36.Rfd1 Rxf5+ 37.Ke1! Re5 38.Kd2! Kg8 39.g4** -0.98/22
[39.Nxe4 Rbe8 *(39...Bxe4 40.Rxe4 Rxe4 41.Qxe4±)* 40.Nxf6+ Kf8 41.Nxh7+ *(41.Nxd7+? Bxd7* Pin *42.Qf4 Rxe2+-+)* 41...Kg7 42.Rg4+ Kh8-+ *(42...Kxh7? 43.Bd3+ Kh8 44.Qf4-+)*]
[39.Kc1!= -0.23/21 remains equal.]
39...Nd8∓ 40.Nd5
[40.Nxe4? Qe7 41.Bd3 Ne6-+]
40...Bxd5 41.Rxd5 Rxd5+ 42.cxd5 Nf7 -0.74/21
[42...Qxd5+ 43.Kc1 Qc6+ 44.Kb1∓]
[⌓42...Nb7 -1.50/22 and ...Nd6 would now be decisive 43.g5 Rc8 *(43...Qxd5+ 44.Ke1±)* 44.Qxc5 *(44.gxf6? Qa5+-+; 44.Qxe4? Nd6-+)* 44...Rxc5 *(44...Nxc5 45.Bg4∓)*]
43.Rf1 -1.87/23
[43.Qxe4∓ -0.74/21 Rc8 44.Qxa4]

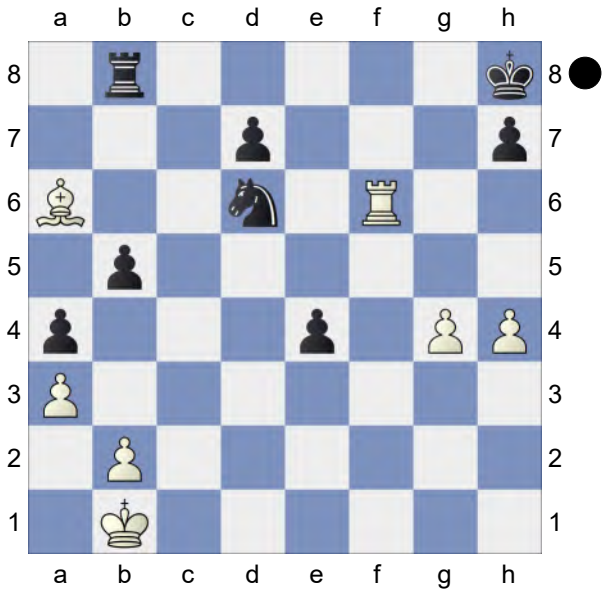
43...Qxd5+-+ 44.Kc1 Qa2 -1.11/23
[Black should try 44...Qc5+-+ -2.03/22 45.Qxc5 bxc5 46.Rxf6 Ne5]
45.Ba6 -2.24/22
[45.Qc3∓ -1.11/23 Nd6 *(45...Qa1+? 46.Kc2+-)* 46.Ba6]
45...Qe6!
[Not 45...Qa1+ 46.Kc2=]
46.Qf4



Ne5! 47.Qxf6



b5!
[47...Nxg4 48.Qxe6+ dxe6 49.Rf4±]
[Less strong is 47...Qxf6 48.Rxf6 b5 *(48...Nxg4 49.Rf4±)* 49.Rf5∓]
48.Qg5+ -3.34/25
[⌓48.Rf5 -2.24/21 Qxf6 *(48...Nxg4 49.Rg5#)* 49.Rxf6]
48...Kh8 49.Kb1 Qd6 50.Qf4 Nc4 Black is clearly winning. **51.Qxd6 Nxd6** Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up.
52.Rf6



e3! 53.Rf1 Rb6 54.Re1 Rxa6 55.Rxe3 KRN-KR **55...Kg8 56.Re7 Ra7 57.g5 Rc7 58.h5 Nc4 59.h6 Nd2+ 60.Ka2 Nb3** (→ ...Rc1) **61.Re1 Rc1 62.Rxc1 Nxc1+ 63.Kb1 Nd3 64.Kc2 Ne5 65.Kc3 Nc6 66.b3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.06 (flawless) **66...axb3**
0-1

32 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2757**
■ **Topalov,V.** **2717**
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[Kitty Kat]

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3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.c4 Qb8 White is slightly better. **12.Nc3**

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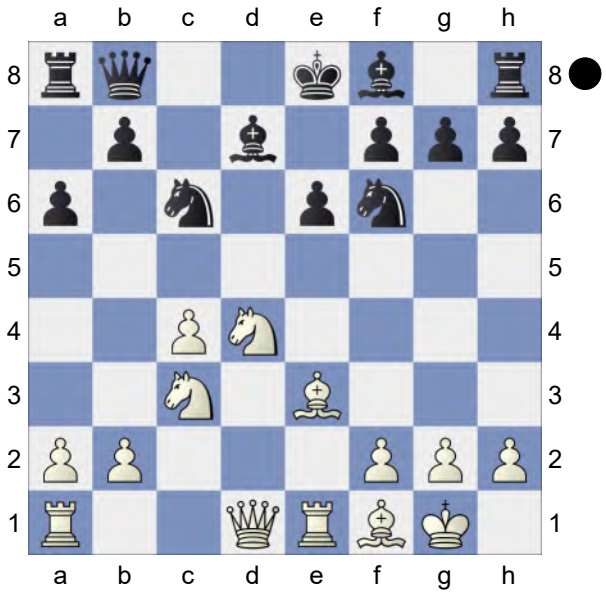


Bd6 13.h3 0-0 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.c5 Bf4 16.Qc1 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Nb4 18.Rac1 Prevents Nc2 **18...b6 19.Ne5 Be8 20.cxb6 Nbd5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Qg3 Qxb6 23.b3 Rac8 24.Nc4 Qb8 25.Qxb8 Rxb8 26.Na5 Nb4 27.a3 Nd3 28.Bxd3 Rxd3 29.Red1 Rxd1+ 30.Rxd1=** Endgame KRB-KRN **30...Rb5**

[30...Kf8!?]

31.Rd8 Kf8 32.b4 Ke7 Prevents Rd6. **33.Ra8 Rb6 34.Ra7+ Kf6 35.Nb3 Rd6?** 2.62/25

[35...g5= 0.24/22 and Black is okay.]

36.Nc5+- Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Bc6 38.Rxa6

[38.Nxa6?! Rd2±]

38...Bd5 39.b5 Rd2 40.Kg3 g5 41.Nd7+ Black cannot hold the game after this. **41...Kf5?** 5.47/23

[41...Kg7± 1.56/21 is a better chance.]

42.Nb6 Bb3 3.88/20

[⌓42...Ba2 2.77/21 43.Ra7 e5]

43.Ra7 e5? 5.47/20

[43...Kg6 3.22/21 44.Nc8 *(44.Nd7 Bd5+-)* 44...Rb2]

44.Rc7 2.27/21

[⌓44.Nc8 5.47/20]

44...h5 45.Rc3 h4+ 3.62/26

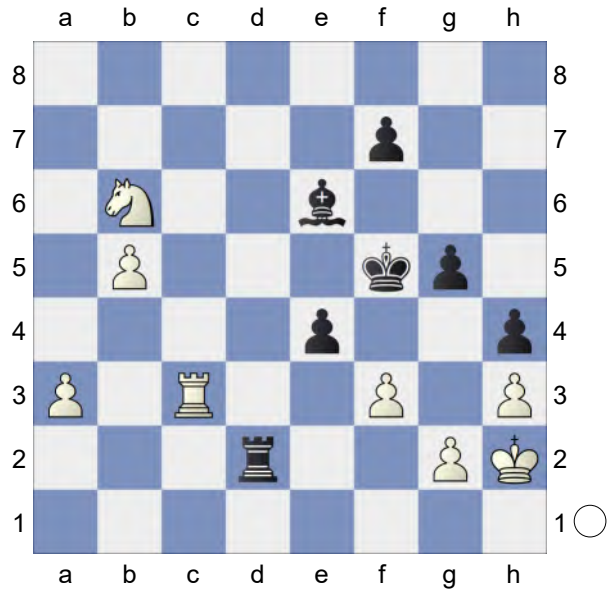
[⌓45...Be6 2.30/24 46.Kf3 g4+ 47.hxg4+ hxg4+ 48.Kg3 f6]

46.Kh2 Be6 47.f3 1.54/23

[47.Nc4+- 4.87/25 Bxc4 48.Rxc4]

47...e4 2.95/26

[47...Rb2± 1.54/23 was worth a try.]



48.Nc4! Bxc4 6.15/26

[48...Rd8 2.68/23 49.fxe4+ Kxe4]

49.fxe4+ White is clearly winning.

49...Kxe4 50.Rxc4+ Ke5 51.Rb4 Prevents Rb2. Black must now prevent b6. **51...Kd6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.62 **52.b6**

1-0

33 **B30**

□ **Aronian,L.** **2747**

■ **Topalov,V.** **2717**

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[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...d6

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6+N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...bxc6 5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5 Qd5 7.Nf3 Qe6+ 8.Kf1 -0.40/19

[8.Qe2= 0.01/21]

8...c4 0.24/19

[8...g6∓ -0.40/19]

9.b3= Nf6 10.Nc3 -0.02/20

[10.Qe2± 0.39/21]

10...g6 11.Bb2 Bg7 0.17/20

[⌓11...Ba6 -0.21/20]

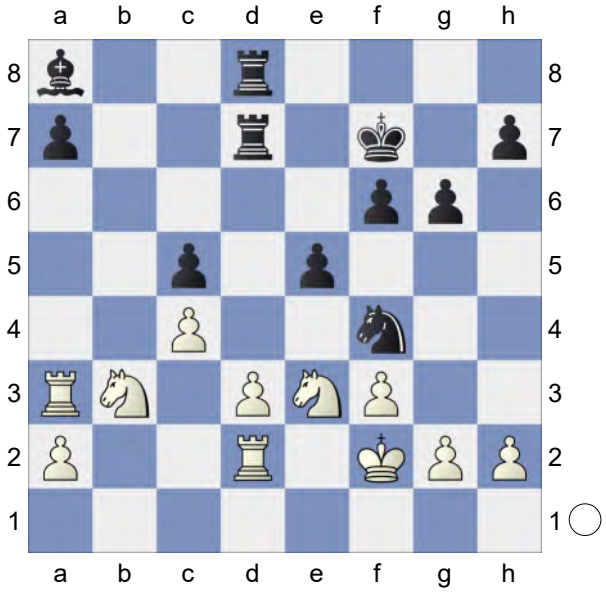
12.Qe2 0-0 13.Qxe6 Bxe6 14.Nd4 -0.22/21

[14.Nd1 0.21/20]

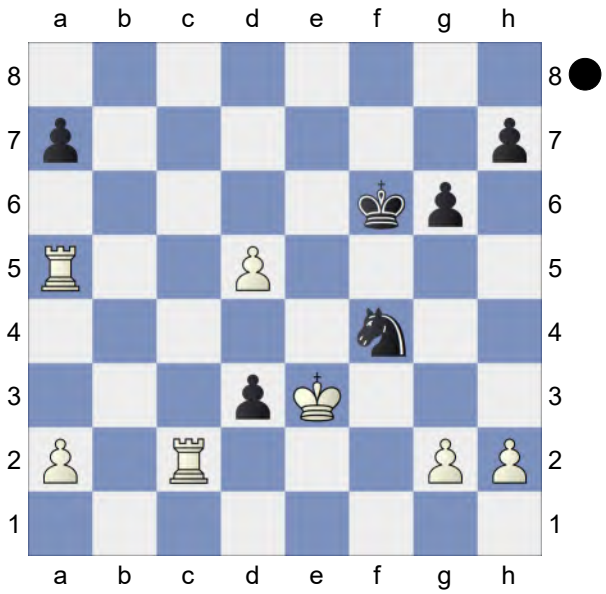
14...Bd5 15.Re1 -0.64/22

[15.Nxd5= -0.19/22 Nxd5 *(15...cxd5*

16.Nc6∓) 16.Rb1]
15...Rfe8 -0.13/22
[15...Rfd8∓ -0.64/22 16.Rxe7 c5]
16.bxc4 -0.55/23
[16.Nxd5!= -0.13/22 feels stronger. Nxd5 *(16...cxd5 17.Nc6∓)* 17.bxc4]
16...Bxc4+∓ A strong pair of Bishops.
17.d3 Bd5 18.Nb3 Nd7 19.Na4 Bxb2 20.Nxb2 c5 21.f3 Rac8 22.c4 Bc6 23.Kf2 f6 24.Re2 Kf7 25.Rc1 Ba8 26.Na5 -0.40/21
[26.Na4= 0.01/22]
26...e5 0.10/22
[Better is 26...g5∓ -0.40/21]
27.Nd1 Nf8 28.Ne3 -0.67/22
[28.Rb2!= -0.07/22]
28...Red8 29.Rc3 Ne6 30.Rd2 Rc7 -0.31/23
[30...Rd6∓ -0.71/21]
31.Ra3 Rcd7 0.11/23
[31...Nf4∓ -0.60/21]
32.Nb3= Nf4? 1.86/23
[32...e4= 0.08/21 and Black stays safe.]



33.Nxc5+- Rc7 34.Na4 0.11/20
[34.Ra5+- 1.78/22]
34...f5 0.97/21
[34...Rcd7= 0.11/20]
35.Nb2± Ne6 1.33/20
[⌓35...Rb7 0.93/20]
36.Ra5 Kf6 37.Na4 e4? 4.26/23
[37...Rd4± 1.25/21 is tougher.]
38.fxe4 fxe4 39.Nc3? 1.16/20
[39.Nd5++- 3.30/23 is more deadly. Bxd5 40.cxd5 *(40.Rxd5 exd3 41.Rxd8 Nxd8±)*]
39...exd3? 6.04/24
[39...Kg7± 1.16/20]
40.Ncd5++- White is clearly winning.
40...Bxd5 41.Nxd5+
[Weaker is 41.Rxd5 Rf8±]
41...Rxd5 42.cxd5 KRR-KRN **42...Rc2** 8.29/25
[⌓42...Nc5 4.38/25 43.d6 Rc6]
43.Ke3 Nf4 44.Rxc2



Remove Defender **44...dxc2 45.Kd2**
[45.Kxf4? c1Q+ *(45...c1B+? is the wrong capture. 46.Ke4+-)* 46.Kg4 Qd1+ 47.Kg3 Qe1+ 48.Kf3 Qxa5-+]
45...Ke5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.64 **46.Rxa7**
1-0

34 **B30**
□ **Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22**
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TCEC 27 Theory Bonus (12.2) 22.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...Nf6N
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4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.e5 Nd5 7.c4 Nb4
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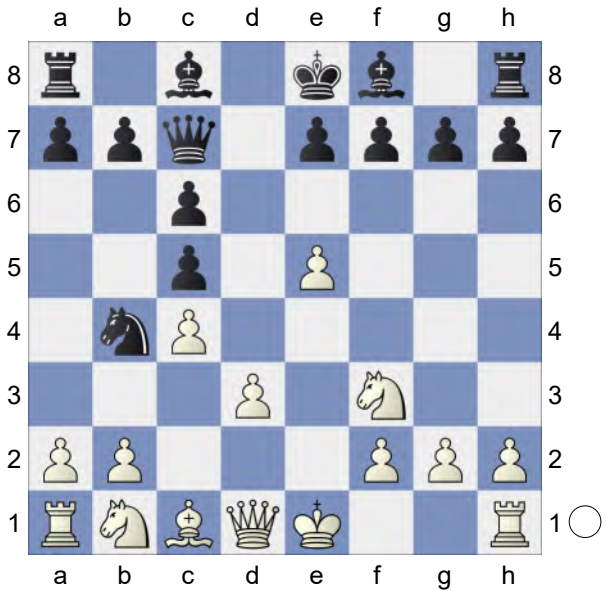
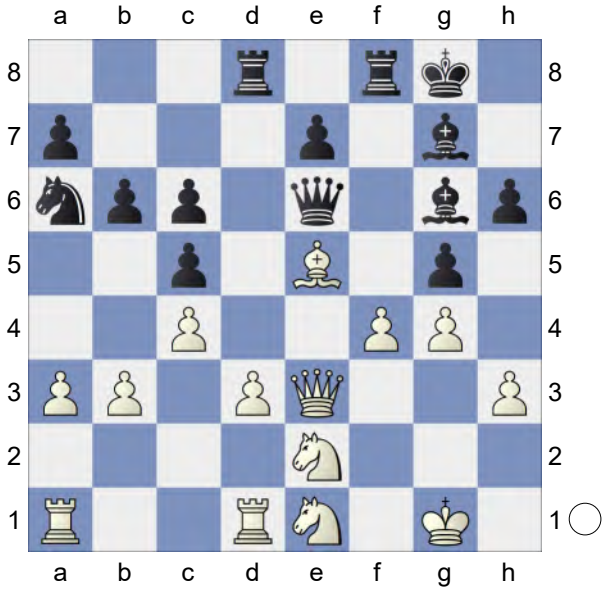


8.a3 Na6 9.0-0! Bf5 10.Qe2! g6 11.h3 Rd8 12.Rd1 Bg7 13.Nc3 h6 14.b3 g5 15.Bb2 0-0 16.Qe3 Bg6 17.Ne2 Qc8 18.Ne1 b6 19.f4 f6 20.g4 fxe5 21.Bxe5 Qe6!

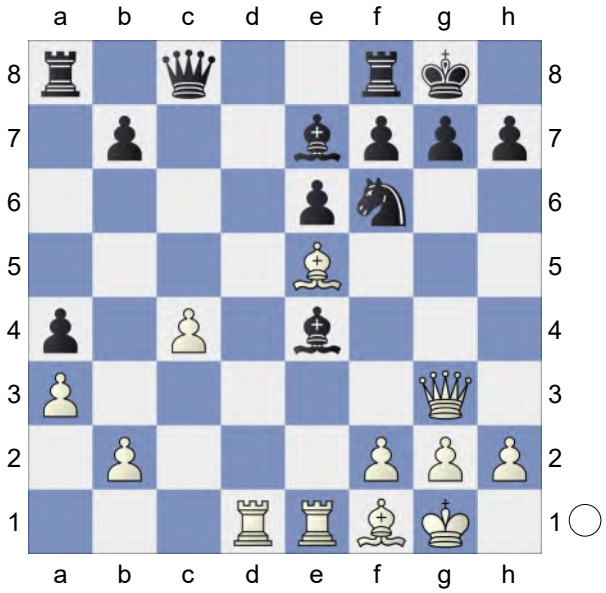


Strongly threatening ...gxf4. **22.Nf3** Black must now prevent d4. **22...gxf4 23.Nxf4 Rxf4 24.Bxf4**
[24.Qxf4 Rf8 25.Qe3 Rxf3 26.Qxf3 Bxe5∓ *(26...Qxe5 27.Ra2∓)*]
24...Qxe3+ 25.Bxe3 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Rxd3
[Don't play 26...Bxd3 27.Bxh6 Bc2

28.Kf2±]
27.Kf2 Rxb3 28.Re1 Rb1
[28...Rxa3 29.Bxh6 Nb4 30.Rxe7±]
29.Rxb1 White is slightly better.
[29.Bxh6 Rxe1 30.Kxe1 Be4=]
29...Bxb1 30.Bxh6 Nc7 31.Ne5 White has compensation. **31...Ne8 32.Bg5 Kf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **33.Bh6+** -0.01/58
[33.Nxc6± 0.37/25 Be4 34.Nxa7 *(34.Bxe7+ Kf7=)*]
½-½

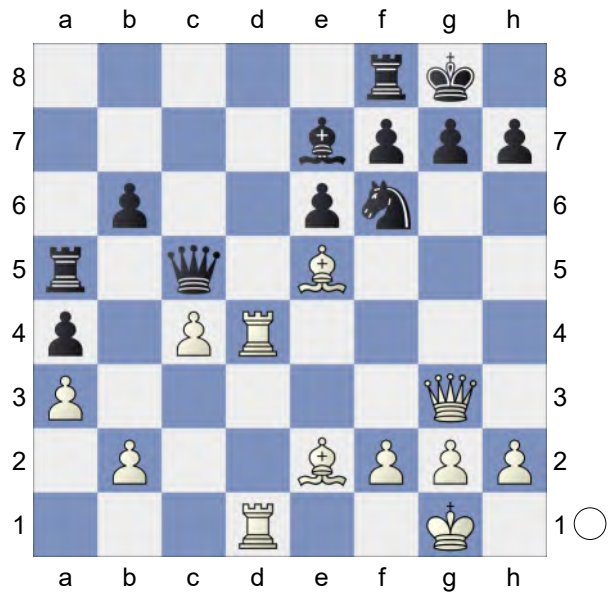
35 **B30**
□ **CruelKen** **3095**
■ **duchessAI** **2878**
Rapid 18.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 6min+3sec B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 White is slightly better. **12.Bxd4 Bd7 13.a3 Bc6 14.Nc3 a5 15.Qd3 a4 16.Rad1 0-0 17.Qg3 Qb8 18.Be5 Qc8 19.Ne4 Bxe4**

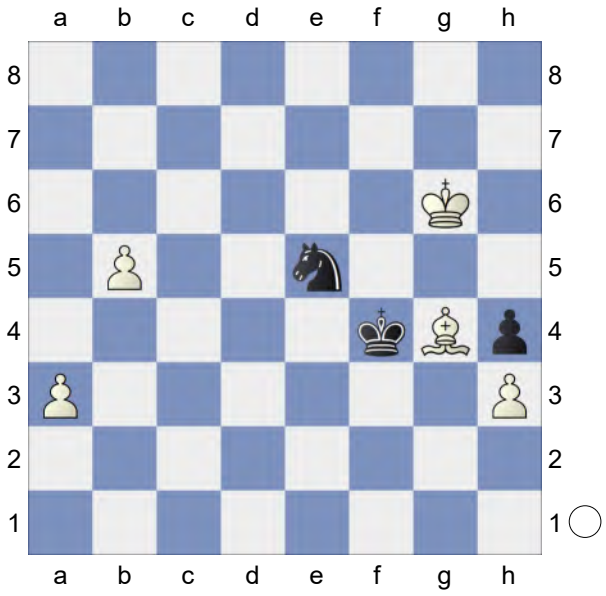


20.Rxe4 Qc5
[20...Rd8 21.Rxd8+]
21.Red4 b6 22.Be2 Ra5

(Diagram)



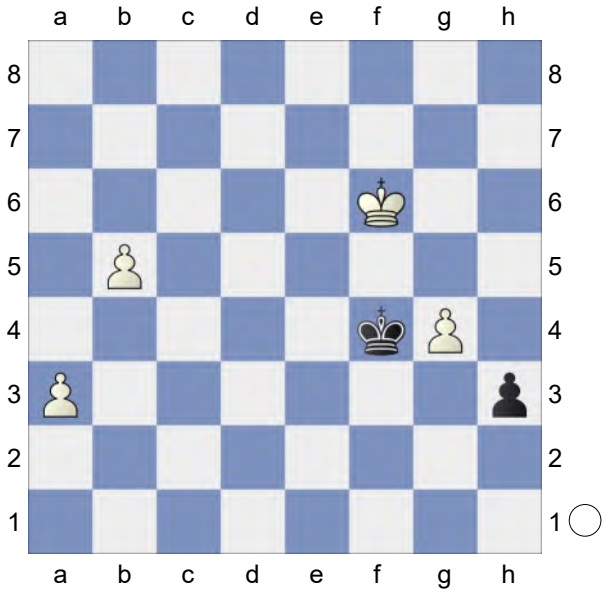
23.Re4 Rd8
[23...Qc8 24.Kh1]
24.Rxd8+ Bxd8 25.Re3 Qc8 26.Rd3 h5 27.Rd1 White has more active pieces. **27...h4** 1.73/22 **28.Qd3+-**
[28.Qxh4? Rxe5 29.Bd3 Qc5-+]
28...Be7 29.Bd6↑ White has strong initiative. This pair of bishops is nice.
29...Ra7 30.Bxe7! Rxe7 31.Qd8+ Qxd8 32.Rxd8+ Re8 33.Rxe8+ Nxe8± Endgame KB-KN **34.f3! Nd6** 1.91/25
[34...Kf8± 1.12/26 keeps fighting.]
35.Kf2+- e5 2.40/27
[35...Kf8± 1.26/25]
36.Ke3! f5 37.Kd3 Kf7 38.Bd1 Nb7 39.Kc3 Nc5 40.Kb4! g5? 5.28/27
[40...e4 2.39/26 41.fxe4 *(41.Bxa4? Nxa4 42.fxe4 fxe4-+)* 41...fxe4]
41.Kb5
[41.Bxa4? Nxa4 42.Kb3 *(42.Kxa4? e4-+)* 42...g4 *(42...Nc5+? 43.Kc3-+)* 43.fxg4 *(43.Kxa4? h3-+)* 43...f4-+ *(43...Nc5+? 44.Kc2-+)*]
41...Ke7 42.Kxb6
[42.Bxa4? Nxa4 43.c5 *(43.Kxa4? g4-+)* 43...bxc5-+ *(43...Nxb2? 44.cxb6 Kd6 45.a4-+; 43...Nxc5? 44.b4-+)*]
42...Kd6 43.Kb5 e4 44.fxe4
[44.Bxa4? exf3 45.gxf3 Nxa4-+]
44...fxe4 45.Kb4!
[45.Bxa4? Nxa4 46.c5+ *(46.Kxa4? e3-+)* 46...Nxc5-+]
45...e3 46.Be2 Against Nd3+
[46.Bxa4? e2 47.Ka5 e1Q+-+ *(47...e1R? 48.Bb5-+)*]
46...Ne6 47.c5+!
[47.Kxa4 Nf4 48.Bf3 *(48.c5+? Kxc5 49.b4+ Kb6-+)* 48...e2 49.Bxe2 Nxe2∓]
47...Nxc5 48.Kc4 Ne6 49.Kd3 Nf4+ 50.Kxe3 Nxg2+ 51.Kf3 Nf4 52.Bb5 Ng6 53.Kg4
[53.Bxa4 Ne5+ 54.Kg2 g4± *(54...Nc4? 55.Bb5+-)*]
53...Ne5+ 54.Kh5 Kd5? 7.11/29
[54...h3 3.88/25 55.Kxg5 *(55.Bxa4 Nf3+-)* 55...Nf3+ 56.Kg4 Nxh2+ 57.Kxh3 Nf3 58.Bxa4 Kc5]
55.Bxa4 Ke4 56.b4! Kf4 57.b5 Nd7 58.Bd1 Nf6+ 59.Kg6 Nd7 60.h3
[60.a4 g4 61.Bxg4 *(61.a5? g3-+)* 61...Kxg4=]
60...g4 61.Bxg4 Ne5+



62.Kf6! b6 is the strong threat.
[62.Kh5 Nxg4 63.b6 *(63.hxg4?*

too greedy. *h3-+)* 63...Nf6+ 64.Kxh4 Nd7=]

62...Nxg4+ 63.hxg4 KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **63...h3**



(→ ...h2!) **64.b6!** White threatens b7 and mate. **64...h2 65.b7 Ke3 66.b8Q**

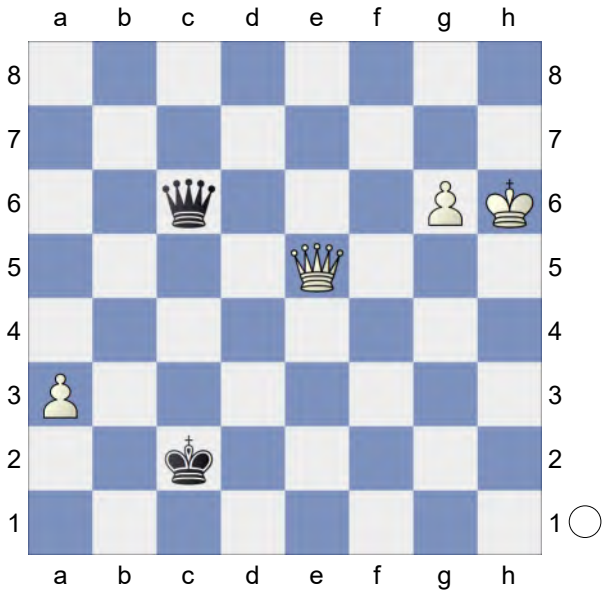
[66.b8B h1Q *(66...h1R 67.g5=)* 67.Bd6 Qh6+ 68.Ke5 Qg5+ 69.Ke6 Kd4-+ *(69...Qxg4+? 70.Kd5-+)*]

66...h1Q KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **67.Qe5+ Kd3 68.Qc5 Ke2 69.Qc2+ Ke3 70.Qc3+ Ke2** Threatens to win with ...Qh8+. **71.Qe5+?** 0.01/22

[71.Qc4++- 4.84/24 Kf2 72.Qd4+ Ke2 73.Qc4+]

71...Kd3= 72.g5 Kc2 73.g6 Qc6+ 74.Kg5 Qg2+ 75.Kh6 Qc6

(Diagram)



76.a4! Qxa4

[76...Qh1+ 77.Qh5]

77.Qf5+ Kb3 78.Qf3+ Kc2 79.g7 Qh4+ 80.Kg6 Qc4 81.Kg5 20.91/25

[⌓81.Qf5+ 12.90/25 Kb2 82.Qe5+ Kc1 83.Kg5]

81...Kb2+- 82.Qf2+ Kb1 83.Qg1+ Kc2 84.Qh2+ Kd1 85.Qg1+? -0.01/22

[85.Qd6+ #18/22 mates Kc2 86.Qg6+ Kb2 87.g8Q *(87.g8B Qc1+ 88.Kf6 Qc3+ 89.Ke7 Qb4+ 90.Kf7 Qc4+ 91.Kg7 Qc3+ 92.Kf7 Qf3+ 93.Ke7 Qb7+ 94.Kf6 Qf3+ 95.Kg7 Qc3+ 96.Kf7 Qc4+ 97.Kg7 Qc3+=)* 87...Qc1+ 88.Kf5 Qc5+ 89.Ke4 Qb4+ 90.Kf3 Qc3+ 91.Kg4 Qd4+ 92.Kh3 Qd7+ 93.Qg4 *(93.Q8e6 Qxe6+ 94.Qxe6 Kc3 95.Qc6+ Kd4 96.Kh4 Ke5 97.Qc5+ Kf6)* 93...Qxg4+ 94.Kxg4]

85...Kc2= 86.Qh2+? -0.01/24

[86.Qg4+- 14.06/22 Qg8 87.Qa4+ Kb2 88.Qb5+ Ka1 89.Qa6+ Kb2 90.Qf6+ Kc1 91.Qc6+ Kb1 92.Qb6+ Kc2 93.Kf6]

86...Kd1 87.Qd6+ White mates. **87...Ke2 88.Qe7+ Kd3 89.Qd8+ Ke3 90.g8Q**

[And not 90.g8B Qf4+ 91.Kg6 Qg4+ 92.Kh6 Qf4+ 93.Kh7 Qe4+ 94.Kh6 Qf4+ 95.Kh7 Qe4+ 96.Kh6 Qf4+=]
90...Qf4+ 91.Kh5 Qf3+ 92.Qg4 Qf7+ 93.Kh4 Qf2+ 94.Kg5 Qf3 95.Qdd4+ Ke2 96.Qde4+ Kd2 97.Qexf3 Kc2 98.Qgg2+ Kb1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.26 (precise) **99.Qff1#**
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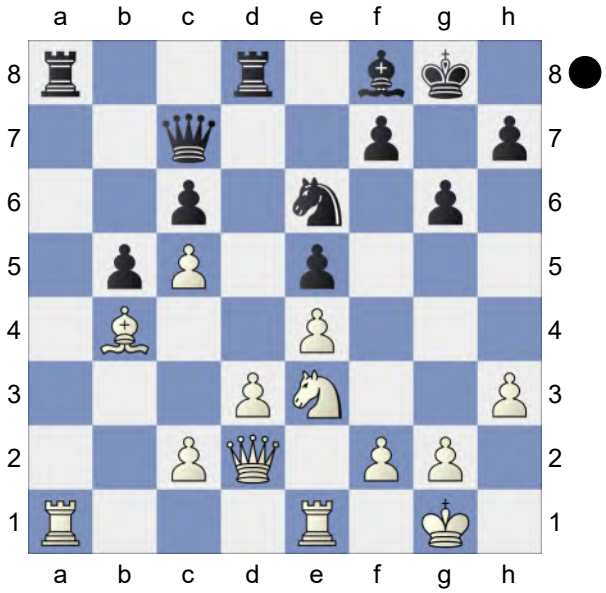
36 **B31**
□ **Giri,A.** **2748**
■ **Saric,Iv** **2661**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (12.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975) 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.a4 Qe7 8.a5 Nf6 9.d3 The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.Nbd2 Ne8 11.Nc4 Nc7 12.Bd2 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Ne6 15.Qd1 Qc7 16.b4** next bxc5 is good for White. **16...b5 17.axb6 axb6 18.bxc5 b5 19.Ne3 Rfd8 20.Bb4 Bf8 21.Qd2**



Bxc5 22.Ba5 Bb6 23.Bxb6 Qxb6 24.Ng4 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 h5! 26.Ne3
[26.Nxe5? Qd4 27.Rf1 Qxe5-+]
26...Nd4 27.Qd1 -0.47/27
[27.Qb4= 0.01/26]
27...Qc5 28.Qd2 Kg7 29.Kh1 -0.53/25
[29.Ra6= -0.17/25]
29...Rb8 -0.10/26
[29...Qe7∓ -0.53/25 is superior.]
30.Ra6 Rd8 31.Nf5+ Nxf5
[31...gxf5? 32.Qg5+ Kh7 33.Qxh5+

(33.Qxd8 Qxc2 34.Qg5 Qxf2+-) 33...Kg8 34.Qg5+ *(34.exf5 Re8=)* 34...Kh7 35.Qxd8+-]

32.exf5= Endgame KQR-KQR **32...Rd6 33.fxg6 Rxg6**

[33...fxg6 looks sharper. 34.Ra8 Rf6 35.Kg1 b4]

34.Qe2 Qd5 35.f3 Re6 36.Ra1 Qd4 37.Re1 c5 38.Qd2 Qf4 39.Qf2 c4! 40.dxc4 bxc4 41.Re4↑ White is more active. **41...Qc1+ 42.Kh2 c3 43.Qg3+ Kh7 44.Rh4 Qxc2**

[44...Qh6 45.f4 exf4 46.Rxf4 Rf6]

45.Rxh5+? 3.42/5

[45.Qg4= 0.01/24 Rh6 46.Rxh5]

45...Rh6+- 46.Rxe5

[46.Qxe5 simplifies Rxh5 47.Qxh5+ Kg8 48.Qg4+]

46...Qd2 5.47/27 Inhibits Qf4.

[46...Rg6!= 0.23/25 47.Rh5+ Rh6]

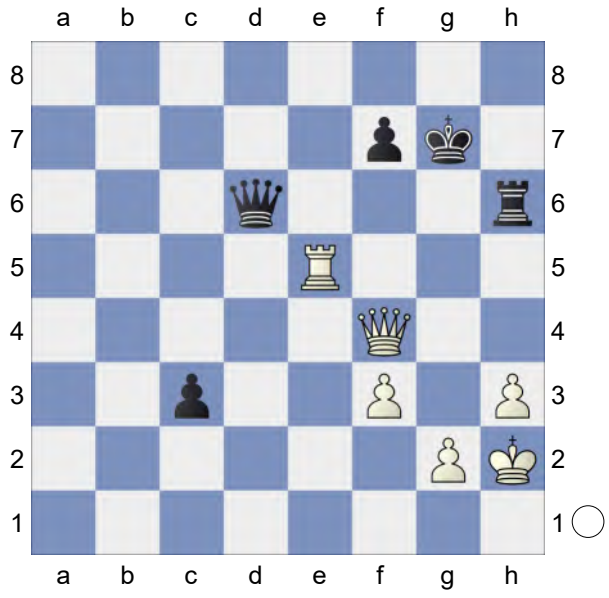
47.Re7 Qd5 6.48/25

[⌓47...Rf6 4.59/27 48.Rc7 c2]

48.Qf4? 1.07/26

[48.Qc7+- 6.48/25 Rf6 49.Qxc3 Qd6+ 50.Qe5]

48...Kg7± 49.Re5 Qd6



and ...Kf8 should not be overlooked

50.Rg5+! Kh7? 4.57/31

[50...Kf8± 0.75/30 is tougher. 51.Qxd6+ Rxd6]

51.Qxd6+-

[51.Re5 Qc7 52.Qf5+ Kh8=]

51...Rxd6 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.

52.Rc5 Prevents Rc6 **52...Rd3 53.Kg3 Kg6 54.Kf4?** 0.90/27

[54.h4+- 3.21/26 has better winning chances. aiming for h5+. Kh6 55.Rc4]

54...Rd2? 5.38/29

[54...Rd4+± 0.90/27 55.Ke3 Rd2]

55.g4

[Less strong is 55.Rxc3 Rxg2 56.Rc5 f6±]

55...c2 56.h4 f6? 8.04/27

[56...Kf6 3.14/25 57.Rc6+ Ke7]

57.Rc7 White is clearly winning.

57...Rh2 58.h5+ Kh6 59.Kf5 Rf2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.54 **60.f4**

[Stronger than 60.Kxf6 Rxf3+ 61.Ke5 Rf2=]

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37 **B31**

□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3136**

■ **ArasanX** **3064**

Rapid 13.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3 b6 9.a4 a5 10.Qd2 e5 White is slightly better. **11.Bh6 Qd6 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.b3 Ne8 14.0-0 Nc7 15.Ne2 f6 16.Nh2** 0.23/21

[16.Rae1± 0.61/21]

16...Ne6= 17.Rae1 g5 18.Ng3 Kh8 19.Ng4 Ra7 20.Ne3 Qd8 21.Kh2 Rg8 22.Rh1 Nd4 23.c3 Ne6 24.Qb2 b5

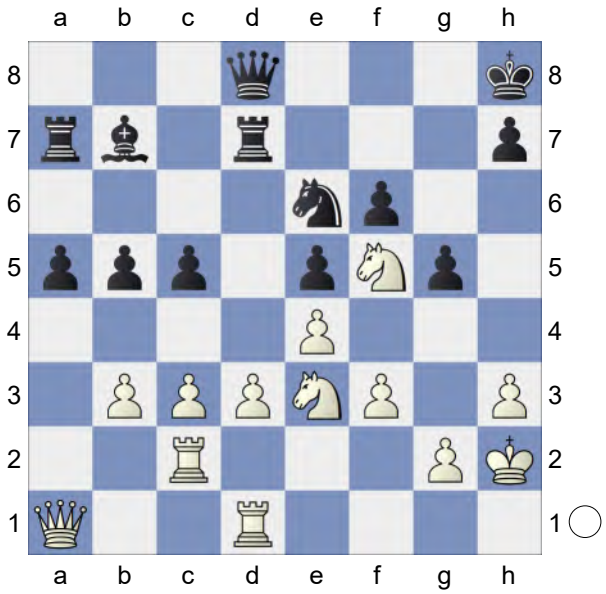
[24...Qxd3 25.Rd1 Qa6 26.Rd6±]

25.axb5 cxb5 26.Rc1 Ra8

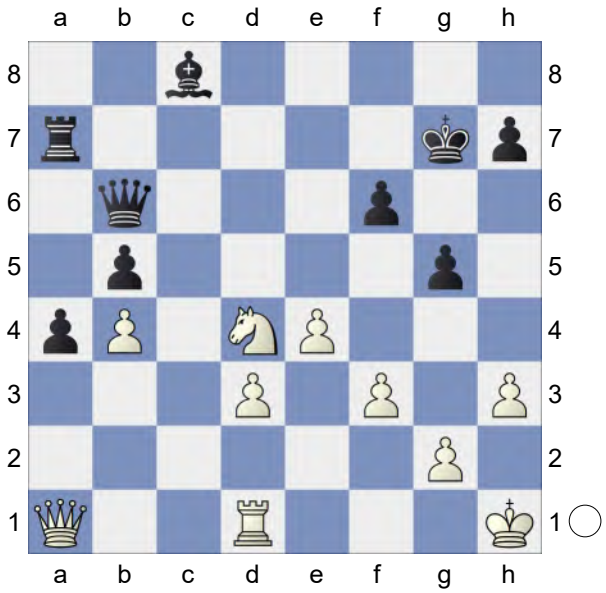
[26...Qxd3? 27.Rcd1 c4 28.bxc4 *(28.Rxd3 cxd3 29.c4 g4+-)* 28...bxc4 29.Rxd3+-]

27.Rhd1 Rg7 28.Ngf5 Rd7 29.Qa2 Nf4 30.Rc2 Bb7 31.f3 Ra6 32.Qa3 Ne6 33.Qa1 Ra7

(Diagram)



34.b4! cxb4 35.cxb4 a4 36.Qa2 Nd4 37.Nxd4 exd4 38.Nf5 Rc7 39.Rxc7 Qxc7+ 40.Kh1 Bc8 Prevents Qe6. ... Bxf5 would now be deadly. **41.Nxd4→** White is out for blood. **41...Qb6 42.Qa1 Kg7**



43.f4! h6

[43...g4 44.f5]

44.Rc1 Rc7 45.Rf1 Rf7 1.60/20

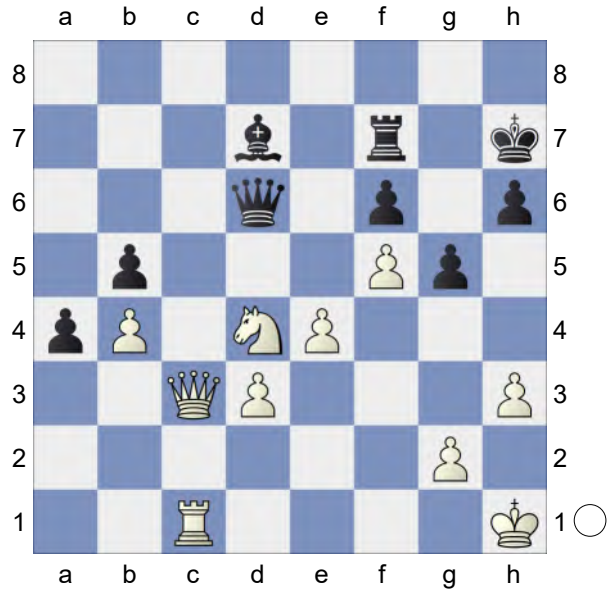
[⌓45...a3 1.10/20]

46.f5!± Qd6 47.Rc1

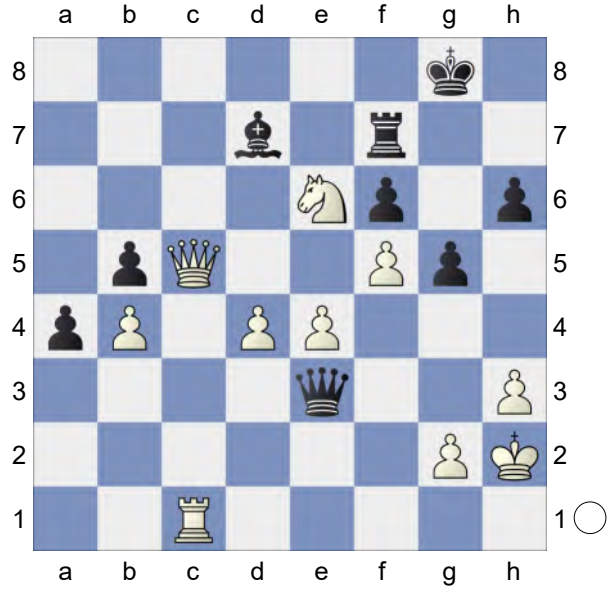
[47.Nxb5?! Qxd3 48.Nc3 Bb7±]

47...Bd7 48.Qc3 Kh7 2.07/21

[48...Qg3± 1.60/21 49.Ne6+ Bxe6 50.fxe6 Re7]



49.Qc5!+- Qf4 50.Ne6
[50.Nxb5? Bxb5 51.Rd1 g4-+]
50...Qd2 3.54/22
[50...Qe5 2.09/23 was worth a try. 51.Qxe5 fxe5]
51.Kh2 Kg8 52.d4 Qe3



53.Qc2 h5 54.d5 a3 4.47/23
[⌓54...h4 3.14/21 55.Nc5 Be8]
55.Rf1 g4 56.h4 a2 4.85/25
[⌓56...Kh7 3.27/24 57.d6 Be8]
57.Qxa2 White is clearly winning.
57...Qxe4 58.Qd2 Bc8 59.Rf2 Kh7 60.Qc3 Bb7 Black is weak on the dark squares **61.d6** Black must now prevent d7!. **61...Bc6 62.Nf4**
[Not 62.Nd8? g3+ 63.Qxg3 *(63.Kxg3 is a self mate. Rg7+ 64.Kh3 Rxg2)* 63...Rg7-+]
62...Kh6 63.Kg3 Bd7 64.Re2 Qxf5 65.Qc5 Active counter play! **65...Qxc5 66.bxc5 b4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise) **67.Nd5**
1-0

38 **B30**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2748**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2783**
American Cup Elim rapid (4.3) 21.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975)

11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 Nh6 7.d4 Nf7 8.c4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 The position is equal. **9...Bb4 10.Bd2 Be7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Qg4** -0.29/18

[13.c5± 0.41/20]

13...c5= 14.Nde2 Qc7 0.21/20

[14...f5∓ -0.35/20 15.exf5 Ne5]

15.Rad1 a6 16.Ng3 Ne5 17.Qh3 Rf7 0.78/21

[17...Rae8!= 0.19/19 keeps the balance.]

18.Kh1 0.07/23

[18.f4± 0.78/21 Nc6 19.Na4]

18...Nc6 0.61/21

[18...Qa5= 0.07/23 19.Bd2 Nc6]

19.Na4± Na7 0.99/22

[19...Nb4= 0.25/20]

20.f4!± Bf8 21.Qh5 0.01/22

[21.f5± 1.03/20]

21...Re8 0.50/22

[21...g6= 0.01/22 22.Qe2 Re8]

22.Qe2 -0.04/19

[22.Nxc5? g6 23.Nxe6 dxe6∓]

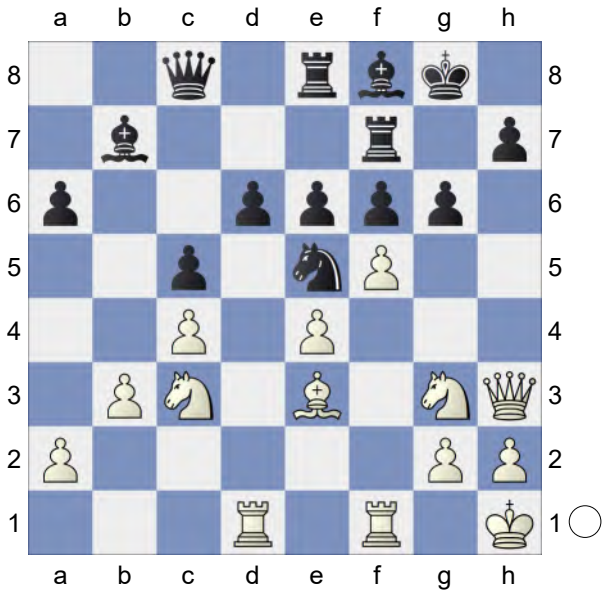
[White should try 22.e5± 0.50/22]

22...d6= 23.Nc3 Nc6 0.37/20

[23...f5= -0.19/20]

24.f5± Qc8 25.Qg4 Ne5 26.Qh3 g6 1.22/20

[26...exf5= 0.28/19 27.Nxf5 Qe6]



27.Bf4!± Bc6 1.72/22

[27...exf5± 0.83/20 28.exf5 Qd7]

28.fxe6? -0.08/22

[28.Bxe5+- 1.72/22 dxe5 29.Rf2]

28...Qxe6= 29.Qxe6 Rxe6 30.Nd5 Kg7 0.24/22

[⌓30...Bxd5 -0.30/22 31.Rxd5 Nc6]

31.h3 -0.12/24

[⌓31.Ne2 0.24/22]

31...h5 32.Ne2 Bb7 33.Nec3 Nc6 34.Be3 Ne5 0.37/21

[34...Re8= -0.01/22]

35.Bf2 0.01/20

[35.Kg1± 0.37/21]

35...f5 0.62/21

[Black should try 35...Bxd5= 0.01/20 36.Rxd5 *(36.Nxd5 Nc6±; 36.exd5 Re8=)* 36...Nc6]

36.Bh4 -0.01/23

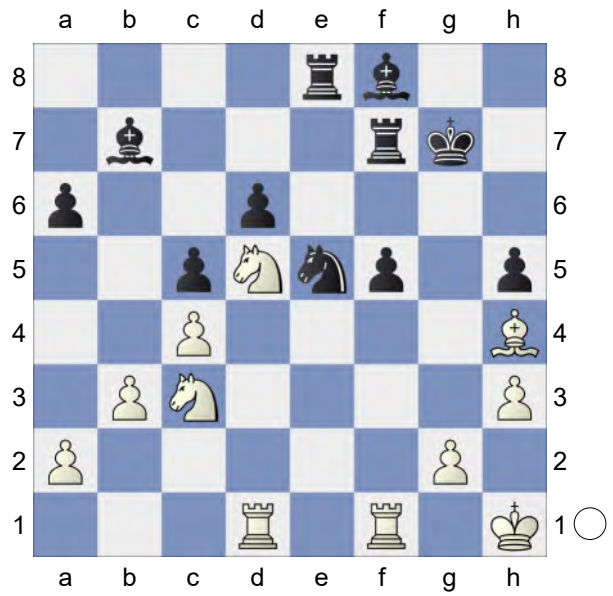
[36.exf5± 0.62/21 Rxf5 37.Bg3]

36...Re8 1.14/23

[36...fxe4= -0.01/23 37.Rfe1 *(37.Nxe4 Rxf1+ 38.Rxf1 Nxc4=)* 37...Nd3]

37.exf5± gxf5

(Diagram)

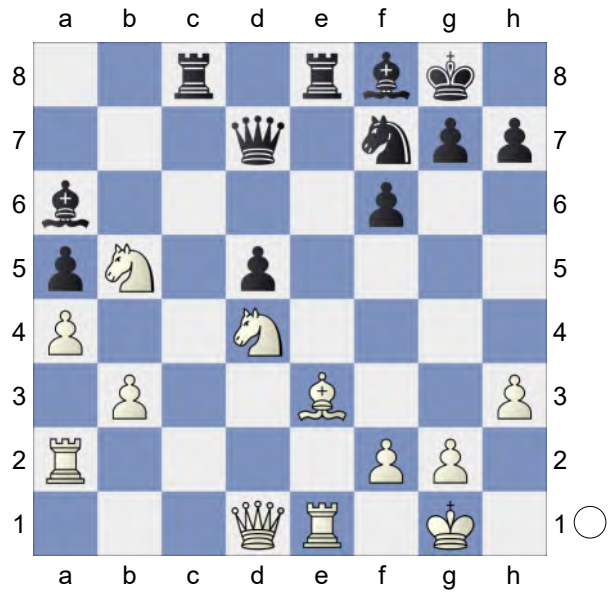


38.Rde1! **Bc6** Now White is beyond hope. **39.Rf4?** -3.98/22
[39.Nf4± 1.06/21]
39...Ng6-+ **40.Rxe8** **Bxe8** **41.Bf6+** -5.35/24
[41.Bg3 -3.59/21 is a better defense. Nxf4 42.Bxf4]
41...Rxf6 Black is clearly winning. **42.Nxf6** **Kxf6** **43.Nd5+** **Ke6** **44.Rf2** **Bc6** **45.Nc3** -7.67/23
[⌓45.Re2+ -4.76/23 Kf7 46.Rf2]
45...f4 **46.Kh2** **Bg7** **47.Ne2** **Be5** **48.Kg1** **Kf5** **49.Ng3+** **Kg5** **50.Ne2** **Nh4** **51.Kf1** **Be4** **52.Kg1** **f3** **53.gxf3** **Nxf3+** **54.Kf1** **Kh4** **55.Nc1** **Kxh3** **56.Ke2** **Kg3** ...Bf4 would now be deadly. **57.Rf1** **h4** **58.Kd1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/Black=0.37 **58...h3** **0-1**

39 **B30**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2748**
■ **Caruana,F.** **2783**
American Cup Elim rapid (4.2) 21.03.25
[Kitty Kat]

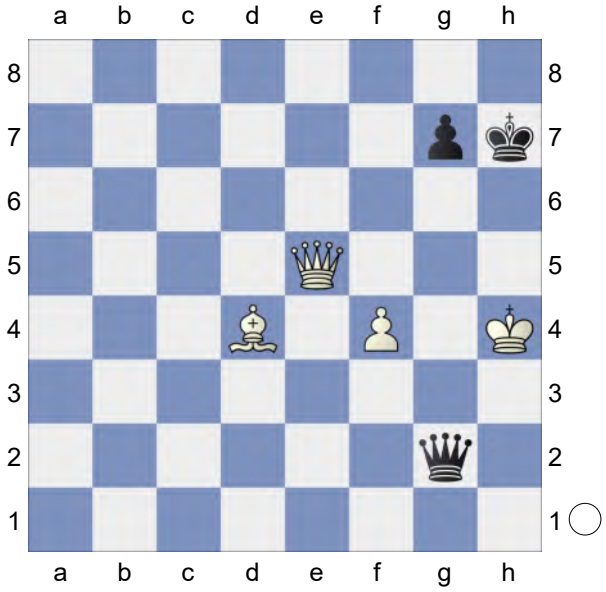
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 **c5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 **4.Bxc6N**
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 **5.b3** **f6** **6.0-0** **Nh6** **7.d4** **Nf7** **8.c4** **cxd4** **9.Nxd4** The position is

equal. **9...Bb4 10.Be3 0-0 11.Ne2** -0.22/18
[11.a3 0.19/21 Be7 12.f3]
11...d5 0.23/25
[11...Qe7 -0.22/18]
12.cxd5= cxd5 13.exd5 exd5 14.a3 Bd6 15.Nbc3 Bb7 16.Ra2 -0.18/19
[16.b4 0.24/20]
16...Re8 17.h3 -0.28/19
[17.Nb5 0.09/19]
17...Qd7! 18.Re1 a5 0.12/20
[18...Ng5∓ -0.41/21 19.Nd4 Nxh3+ 20.gxh3 Qxh3]
19.Nd4! Rac8 20.Ncb5 Bf8 0.46/24
[20...Bb8= 0.07/20 feels stronger.]
21.a4± Ba6 1.15/23
[21...Nd6± 0.51/24]



22.Bd2!± Rxe1+ 1.60/23
[⌓22...Nd6 1.06/23]
23.Bxe1 Nd6 24.Nxd6
[24.Bxa5?! Nxb5 25.axb5 Bxb5=]
24...Bxd6 1.53/24
[⌓24...Qxd6 0.91/24 25.Bxa5 Qe5]
25.Bxa5 Be5 1.92/21
[25...Bb8± 1.30/23 26.Rc2 Re8]
26.Rd2 1.09/22
[26.Rc2+- 1.92/21]
26...Bf4 2.34/23
[26...h6± 1.09/22 27.Rc2 Rxc2 28.Nxc2 d4]
27.Rc2+- Be5 2.82/26
[27...Re8 1.83/22 28.Rc6 Bb7]
28.Rxc8+ Qxc8 29.Nf3 d4 30.Bb6
[30.Nxd4?! Qc5±]
30...d3 31.Nxe5 fxe5 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **32.Be3 Qc6** 2.04/23
[32...h6± 1.49/23 33.b4 Qc4]
33.b4 Bb7 2.25/26
[33...Qe4± 1.59/24 was necessary.]
34.Qg4
[34.Qxd3? Qxg2#]
34...h5 2.79/28
[⌓34...Kf7 1.93/24 35.b5 Qd5]
35.Qg5
[35.Qxh5? Qxg2#]
35...Qxa4 36.Qd8+
[Inferior is 36.Qxh5 Qxb4 37.Qg5 *(37.Qxe5 d2=)* 37...Qd6=]
36...Kh7 37.Qxd3+ Kg8 38.Qc4+ Kh7 39.Qf7 Qxb4 40.Qxh5+ Kg8 41.Qxe5 Qb1+ 42.Kh2 Qe4 Prevents f3. **43.Qg5 Qd5 44.Qg3 Qf7 45.f3 Bd5 46.Bd4** and Qe5 would now be decisive
46...Be6? 5.99/27
[46...Bc6 2.34/25 is tougher. 47.Kg1 Be8]
47.Qe5 Qg6 6.81/28
[⌓47...Bd7 4.65/26 48.Qg5 Be8]
48.h4 Qf7 49.h5 Kh7 50.Qg5 4.14/24
[⌓50.g4 9.88/27 Bd5 51.f4]
50...Ba2 9.53/27
[⌓50...Bd7 4.14/24 51.Bc3 Bc8]
51.g4 Bb1 52.Kg3 Qc7+ 53.Be5 Qa7 54.Qc1 Bd3 55.Qe1 Qc5 56.Bf4 Qd4? 6.41/24
[56...Bb5 3.94/23 57.Qb1+ Kg8]
57.Be5? -0.01/24
[57.g5+- 6.41/24]
57...Qc5= 58.Bc3 Bc2 59.Qa1 Qe7

60.Be5 Qf7 61.Qc3 Bb1 62.Qc5 Bd3 63.Bd4 Bc4 64.Qe5 Bd5 65.f4 Ba2 66.g5 White threatens g6+ and mate. **66...Bb1 67.g6+** White mates. **67...Bxg6 68.hxg6+ Qxg6+ 69.Kh4 Qg2**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.60 **70.Qxg7+!**
1-0

40 **B30**
□ **Stockfish Dev Cf1064** **3683**
■ **LCZero 0.31-dag-f7fb268-BT4-6**
TCEC 27 Superfinal 2024 (30.1) 21.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Qa5 4.Na3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.0-0 Qc7 7.d4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4** White is better. **8...cxd4 9.Qxd4 e6 10.Nc4 Bc5 11.Qg4 Kf8 12.Qf3 a6**

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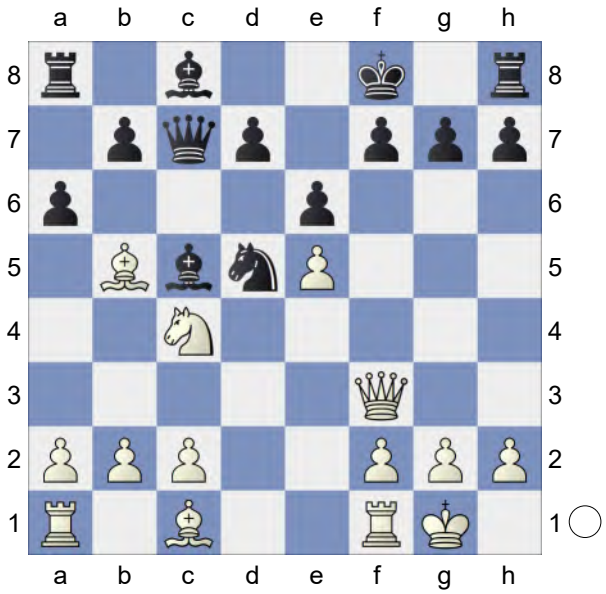
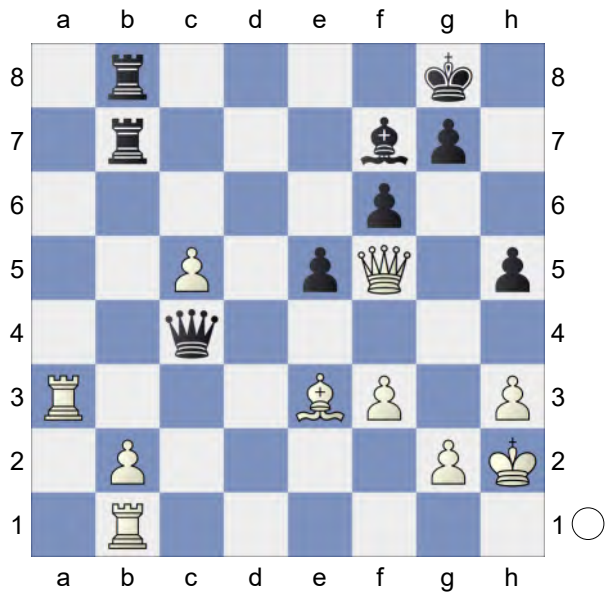
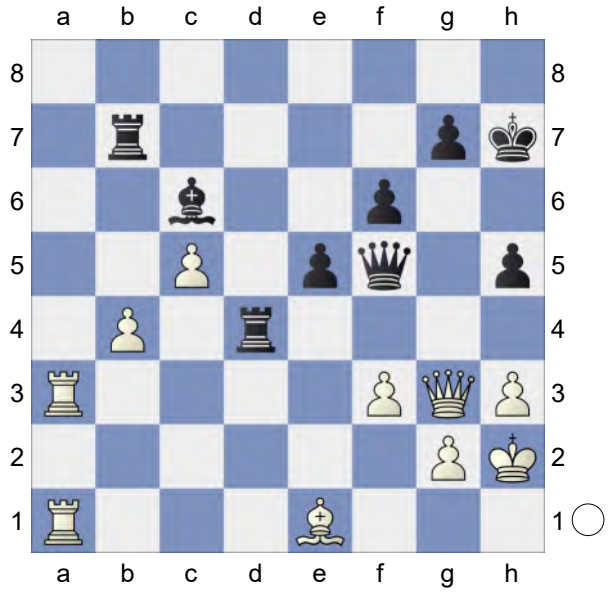


13.Nd6 Bxd6 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Bd3 Nf6 16.c4 White has strong compensation. **16...h5 17.Bf4 e5 18.Bg5 Qc6 19.Qe3** White is more active. **19...d6 20.Rac1 Be6 21.Rfd1 Qc5 22.Qd2 Qc6 23.h3 Ne4 24.Bxe4** Discovered Attack **24...Qxe4 25.Qxd6+ Kg8** Black is weak on the dark squares **26.Re1 Qd4 27.Qc7 f6 28.Qxb7 Ra7 29.Qb4** Some like it hot **29...Rd7**
[29...fxg5? 30.Red1 a5 31.Qb5+-]
30.Be3 Qe4 31.Qa4 0.94/21
[Better is 31.b3 1.47/22]
31...Kf7± 32.Qxa6 0.60/23
[32.b4± 1.23/20]
32...Ra8± 33.Qb5 Rxa2 34.Bc5 Qg6 1.32/21
[Black should play 34...Qf4 0.73/22]
35.Rc3± Ra8 Dodges Qb8 **36.Kh2 Rc8 37.Be3 Qe4 38.c5! Rb7 39.Qe2 Bd5 40.f3**
[Much less strong is 40.Qxh5+ g6 41.Qg4 *(41.Qh7+ Ke6∓)* 41...Qxg4 42.hxg4 Rxb2]
40...Qa4 41.Rb1 Kg8 42.Qd3 Be6 43.Ra3 0.92/25
[⌓43.Qd6 1.40/21 Bf7 44.b3]
43...Qc4 44.Qg6 Bf7 45.Qf5 Rcb8



46.b4! 0.85/21 **Be8**
[46...Rxb4 47.Ra4 Rxb1 48.Rxc4 Bxc4 49.c6± *(49.Qxh5 R1b2±)*]
47.Bd2 Bd7 48.Qg6
[48.Qxh5 Qc2 49.c6 Bxc6∓]
48...Be8 49.Qg3 Rd8 50.Rc1! Qe2 51.Be1 Kh7 52.Ra5 Bc6 53.Rca1! Rd4 Inhibits Qh4. **54.R5a2 Qd3 55.Ra3 Qf5**



56.Ra6! Bb5

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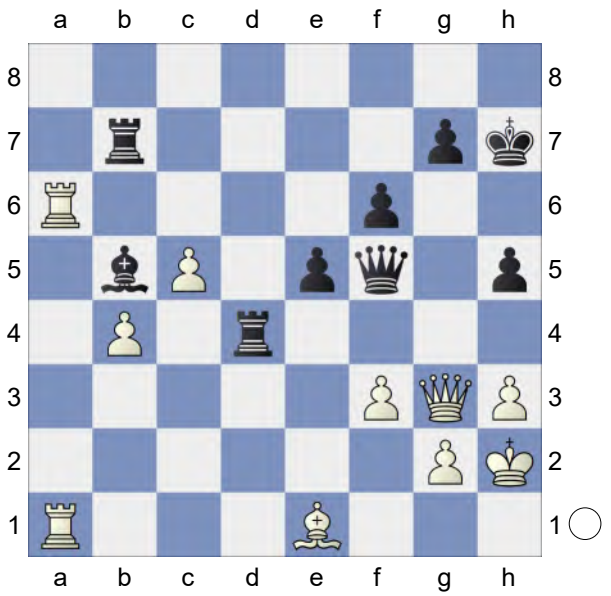
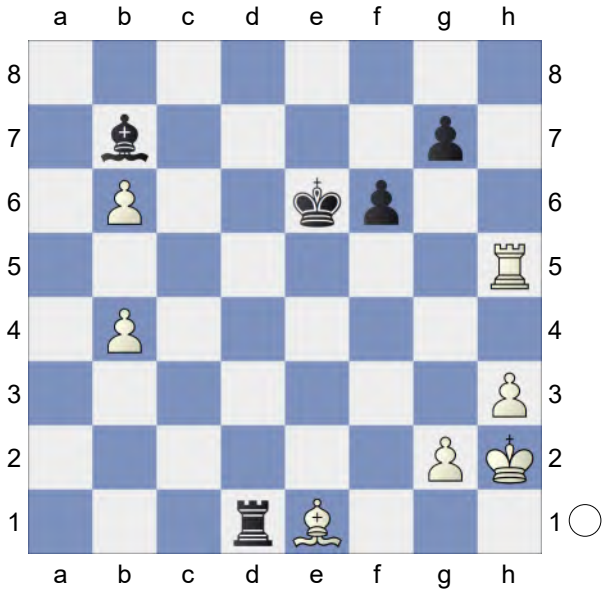


White must now prevent ...h4!. **57.Rb6! Rxb6 58.cxb6 Bc6** Prevents b7 **59.Ra7** Prevents Bb7 **59...Rd7 60.Ra1** 0.01/23
[60.Bf2± 0.85/23]
60...Bb7 0.79/22
[60...Rd4= 0.01/23 remains equal.]
61.Rc1 e4 White is slightly better.
62.Rc5 Rd5 63.Rc7! Rd7 64.fxe4 Bxe4 65.Rc5 Qg6! 66.Qxg6+ Kxg6± Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **67.Rc4 Bb7 68.Rc2 Kf5 69.Rc5+**
[69.b5!?]
69...Ke6 70.Rxh5 Rd1

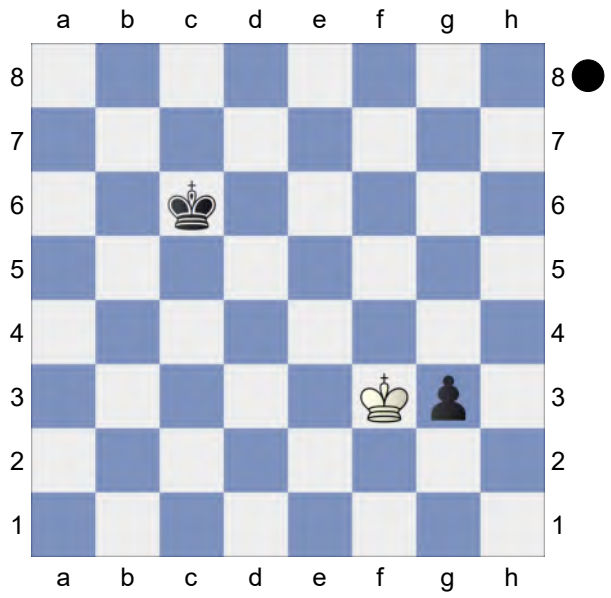


71.Rh8! Rd6! 72.Bf2 and Bc5 should not be overlooked Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **72...Rd2**
½-½

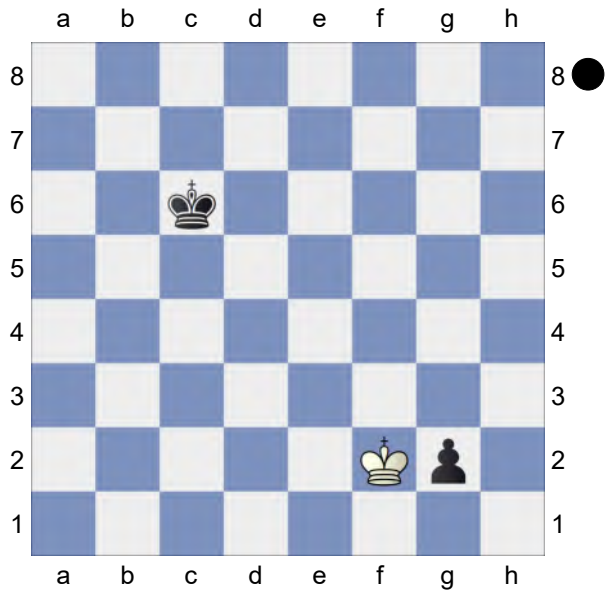
41 **B30**
□ **Nikitosik-ai** **3122**
■ **Mr-Chess-Berserk** **3080**
Rapid 02.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 The position is equal. **9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Qd2 Bb4 14.f3 Qf6 15.Rc1 Bc5 16.Bxc5 bxc5 17.f4 Qd4+ 18.Qxd4 cxd4 19.Nb5 Bxe4 20.Nxd4 a5 21.b3 Rfb8 22.a3 Rb6 23.g3 Ne7 24.Kf2 Rab8 25.Rfd1 g6 26.Ke3 Bc6** and ...Nf5+ should not be overlooked **27.Bd3 Kf8 28.Rb1 Nf5+ 29.Bxf5 gxf5 30.Nxc6 Rxb3+ 31.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 32.Kd4**
[32.Rd3 Rxd3+ 33.Kxd3 dxc6-+]
32...dxc6= Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **33.Kc5 Rxa3 34.Kxc6 Ke7 35.c5 a4 36.Rd7+ Ke8 37.Rd4 Ke7 38.Rd7+ Kf6 39.Rd4 Ke7 40.Kb5 Ra1** ...a3 is in the air
[40...Ra2 is interesting. 41.c6 a3 42.Rd7+ Kf6]
41.Rxa4 Rxa4 42.Kxa4 KP-KP **42...Kd8 43.h3**
[43.Kb5!? Kc7□ 44.h3∓]
43...Kc7 44.Kb5 h5 45.c6 -0.52/37
[45.Kb4= -0.01/31]
45...f6∓ 46.Kc5 e5 47.fxe5 fxe5∓ K3P-K3P **48.Kd5 e4 49.Kd4 Kxc6 50.g4 hxg4 51.hxg4 fxg4** (→ ...g3) **52.Kxe4 g3** (→ ...g2) **53.Kf3**

(Diagram)



g2! 54.Kf2
[54.Kxg2 Kd7]

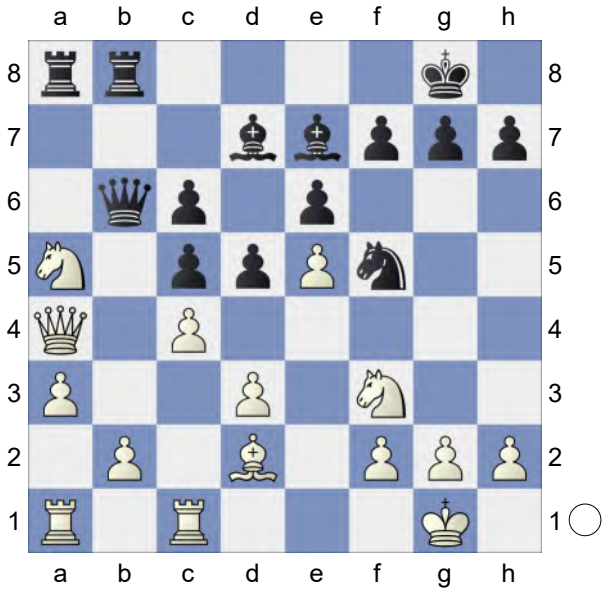


54...g1Q+! -0.91/38 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless) **55.Kxg1**
½-½

42 **B30**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2801**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
Titled Tue 14th Jan Early blitz (11)
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nbd2 d6 7.e5 d5

Dodges Ne4 **8.c4** The position is equal. **8...Nf5 9.Qa4 Be7 10.Nb3 0-0 11.Bd2 a5 12.0-0! Qb6 13.Rfc1 Rd8 14.Nxa5** 0.06/24
[14.Bg5± 0.51/19]
14...Bd7= 15.a3 0.01/21
[15.Qb3± 0.38/22 Qc7 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Qb7 Qxb7 Remove Defender 18.Nxb7]
15...Rdb8



16.b4! cxb4
[16...Be8 17.Rcb1]
17.axb4 Bxb4 18.Qxb4 Qxb4 19.Bxb4 Rxb4

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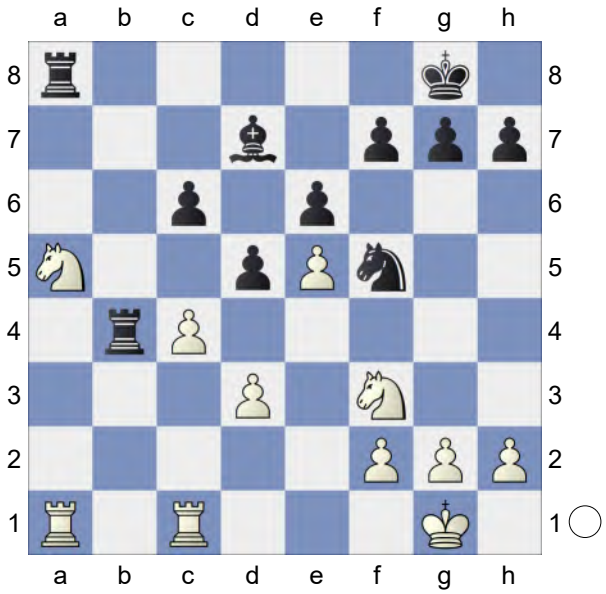
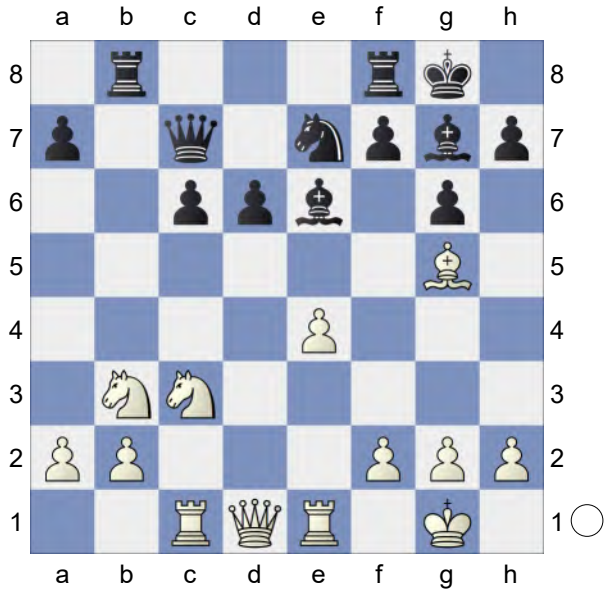


20.Nb7! Back Rank **20...Rxa1 21.Rxa1** Threatening mate with Ra8+. **21...h6** 0.99/23
[Better is 21...Kf8± 0.40/23 22.Nc5 Bc8]
22.Nc5±
[22.Ra8+? Kh7 23.g4 Rxb7-+]
This costs Black the game. **22...Be8** 5.34/24
[22...Bc8± 0.91/22]
23.g4+- dxc4 24.gxf5 exf5 25.d4 c3 26.Rc1 Rc4 27.Nb3 c5 28.dxc5 aiming for Nfd4.
[28.Nxc5 Bc6+-]
28...Bc6? 5.91/24
[28...Ba4 3.69/23 was necessary.]
29.Nfd4 White is clearly winning.
29...Bd5 30.f4
[Less strong is 30.Nxf5 Rg4+ 31.Ng3 Bxb3+-]
30...g5 31.Nxf5 Kh7 32.Ne3 Rxf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=1.07 **33.Nxd5**
1-0

43 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2731**
87th Tata Steel Masters (4.2) 21.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

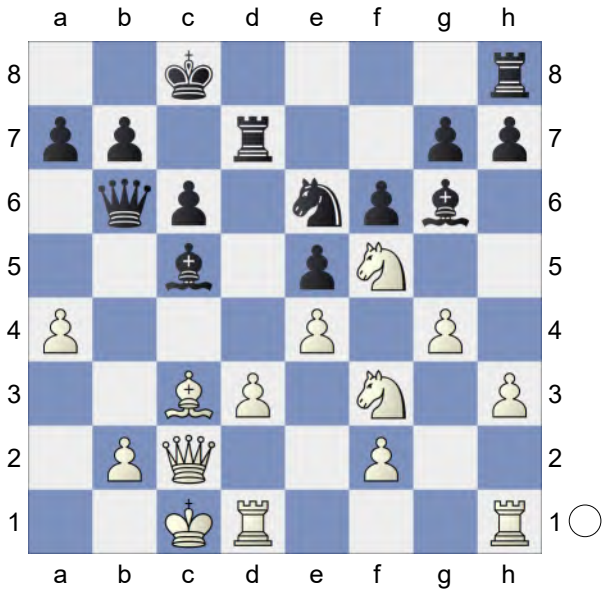
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.c3 Ne7 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 exd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Nc3 Rb8 12.Nb3 White is more active. **12...Qc7** Dodges Qd6 **13.Bg5 d6 14.Rc1 Be6**



White is slightly better. **15.Nd5!** Wards off c5 **15...Nxd5**
[15...cxd5? 16.Rxc7 Nc8 17.exd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5+-]
16.exd5 Rb5!
[16...Bxd5? 17.Qxd5 Rfe8 18.Rxe8+ *(18.Qxc6?* is the wrong capture. *Rxe1+* Deflection *19.Rxe1 Qxc6-+)* 18...Rxe8 19.Be3+- *(19.Rxc6? Re1#)*]
17.dxe6
[But not 17.Rxc6 Qd7 18.h4 Rxd5∓ *(18...Bxb2 19.dxe6 Qxc6 20.Bh6=)*]
17...Rxg5 18.Qd2 Rf5 19.exf7+ Qxf7 20.Re2 c5 21.g3 Rd5 -0.16/20
[21...h5∓ -0.68/18]
22.Qc2= Re5 23.Rxe5 Bxe5 24.Re1 Rb8 25.Qd2 Rb6 26.h4 Bf6 27.Rd1 Kg7 28.Re1 The position is equal. **28...h6 29.Re4 g5 30.hxg5 hxg5 31.Ra4 Kg8** and ...c4 should not be overlooked **32.Qc2 Rb8 33.Qf5 Be7 34.Qc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless) **34...Bf6**
½-½

44 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2738**
■ **Zhigalko,S.** **2572**
Titled Tue 7th Oct 2025 blitz (8) 07.10.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Nc3 Qc7 8.g4 White is slightly better.
8...Bg6 9.Qe2 e5 10.a4 Nd7 11.Bd2 -0.06/20
[11.Be3± 0.31/19]
11...Be7= 12.0-0-0 Nf8 0.64/18
[12...h5= 0.01/20]
13.Qe1 -0.22/19
[13.Nxe5!± 0.64/18 Qxe5 14.f4]
13...Ne6 14.Ne2 c4 15.Bc3 -1.12/21
[15.dxc4∓ -0.32/21 Bxe4 16.Neg1]
15...cxd3∓ 16.cxd3 -1.73/20
[16.Rxd3∓ -0.88/21 f6 *(16...Bxe4 17.Bxe5 Qb6 18.Re3∓)* 17.Ng3]
16...f6-+ 17.Ng3 -2.45/18
[⌓17.d4 -1.70/20]
17...0-0-0 -1.21/21
[17...c5-+ -2.45/18 and Black stays clearly on top. aiming for ...Qd7. 18.Kb1 Bd8]
This costs White the game. **18.Nf5** -2.52/18
[18.d4∓ -1.21/21]
18...Bc5 19.Qe2 Qb6 20.Qc2 Rd7
[20...Bxf2 21.a5 Qc5 22.b4+-]

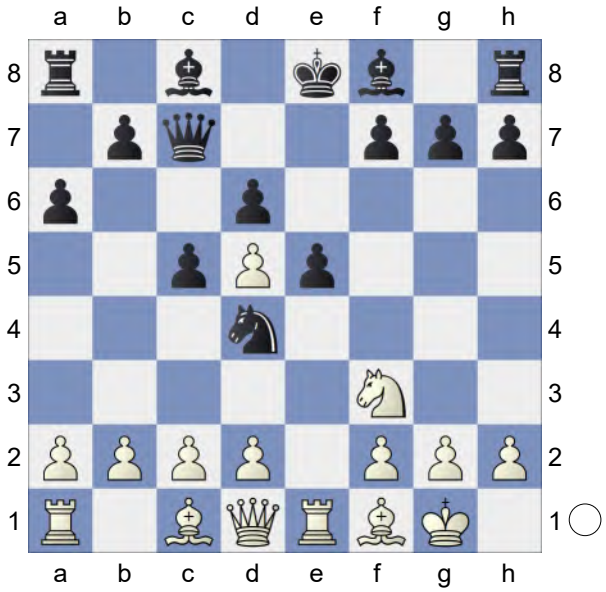


21.Rd2? -4.11/21
[21.a5 -1.68/20 Qc7 22.b4]
21...Rhd8 22.Rhd1 Bf7 23.Kb1? -7.30/21
[23.a5 -3.97/21 Qb5 24.d4 exd4

25.N3xd4 Nxd4 26.Bxd4]
23...Nf4 24.b4 Bxb4 25.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 26.Qb2 Qxa4 27.d4 Bc4 28.dxe5 Bd3+ 29.Rxd3 Nxd3 30.Qa2 Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/ Black=0.34 **30...Qxd1#**
0-1

45 **B30**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2732**
■ **Zhigalko,S.** **2572**
Titled Tue 7th Oct 2025 blitz (5) 07.10.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 a6 7.Bf1 e5 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 White is slightly better. **9...d6** 0.87/21
[Better is 9...Bd6± 0.31/22]



10.b4! Be7
[10...Bf5 11.d3]
11.bxc5 Qxc5 12.c3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 0-0

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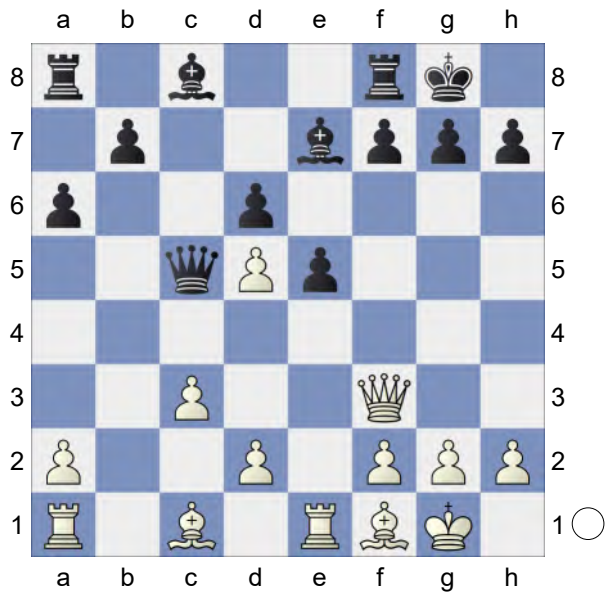
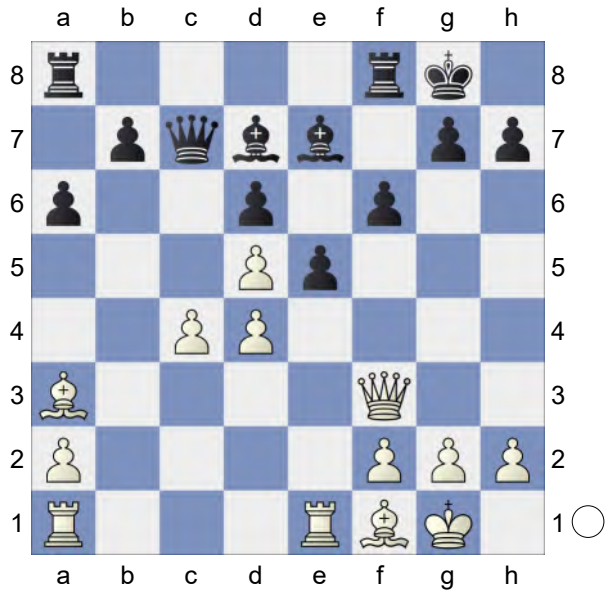
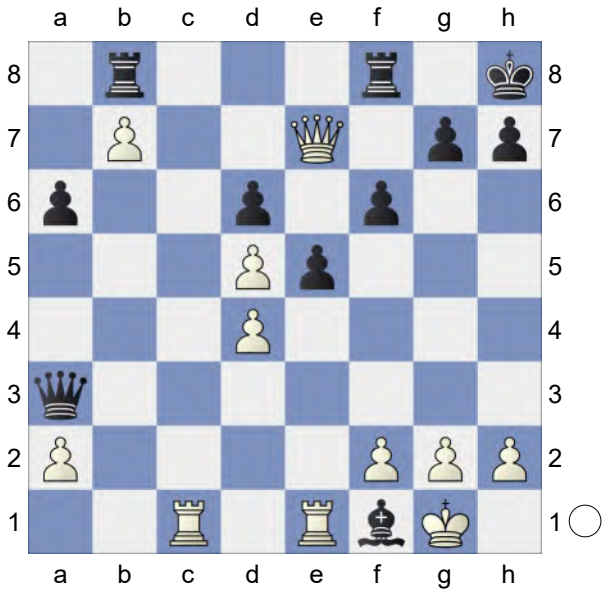


14.d4! Qc7
[14...Qa5 15.Bf4]
15.Ba3 Black must now prevent dxe5. White is more active. Black cannot hold the game after this. **15...f6** 2.02/20
[15...exd4± 0.80/20 is a better defense. 16.cxd4 Rd8]
16.c4+- Bd7 2.71/18
[⌓16...exd4 1.86/18 17.Bb2 Bd8 18.Bxd4 Bd7]



17.c5! Bb5
[17...Rf7 18.Rac1]
18.Rac1
[18.Bxb5?! axb5 19.Rac1 Qd8±]
18...Qd8 19.c6 Qa5 20.Qh3
[20.cxb7 Rab8+-]
20...Bxf1? 8.23/24
[20...Qc7 3.31/19 21.Qe6+ Rf7]
21.Qe6+
[21.Rxf1 Qc7 *(21...Qxd5? 22.Qd7+-)* 22.f4 exd4 23.Qe6+ Rf7±]
[21.Kxf1 Kh8 *(21...Qxd5 22.Qd7+-)* 22.f4 *(22.cxb7 Qb5+ 23.Kg1 Qxb7±)* 22...h6±]
21...Kh8 22.cxb7
[22.Qxe7 bxc6 23.Rxf1 *(23.Bxd6 Bxg2 24.dxc6 Bxc6=; 23.Qxd6 Rfd8±)* 23...Qxa3+-]
[22.Kxf1 bxc6 23.dxc6 *(23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Qxd6 cxd5=; 23.Qxe7 Qxa3 24.dxc6 h6+-)* 23...Qxa3+-]
22...Rab8 23.Qxe7 Qxa3

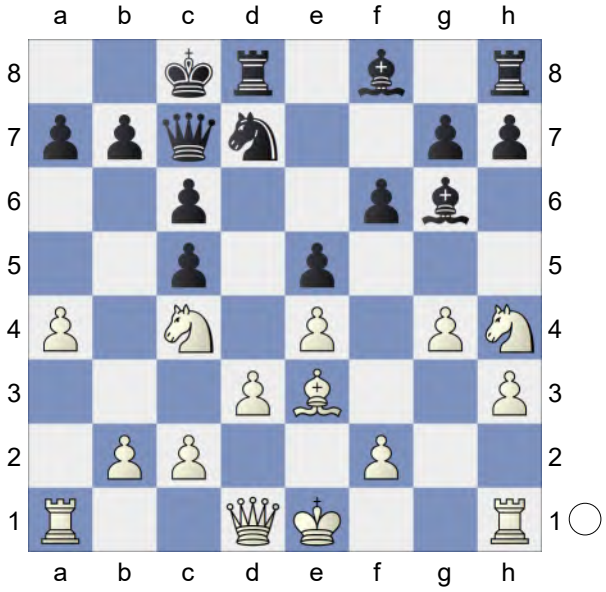


24.Qxf8+!! Promotion **24...Rxf8 25.Rc8** Back Rank
[Not 25.Rxf1 Kg8± *(25...Qxa2? 26.Rc8+-)* is the wrong capture.]
25...Rxc8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=1.26

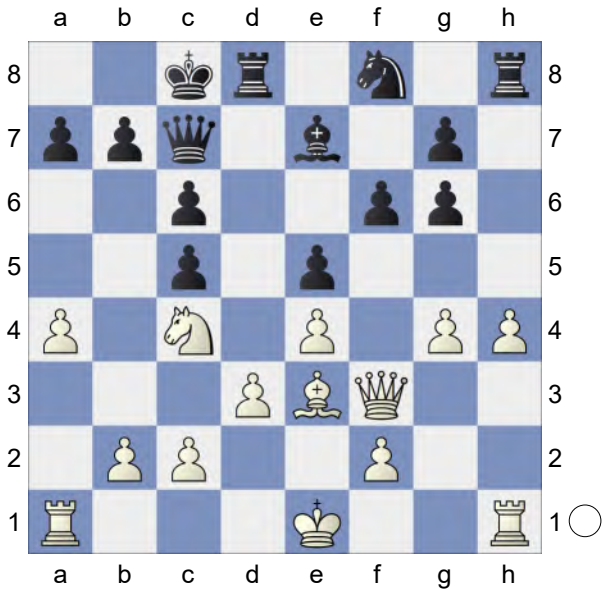
26.bxc8R#
1-0

46 **B30**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,M.** **2738**
■ **Zhigalko,S.** **2572**
Titled Tue 23rd Sep 2025 (8) 23.09.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Qc7 7.h3 Bh5 8.a4 White is slightly better.
8...e5 0.89/23
[8...Nd7⩲ 0.49/22]
9.Nc4± Nd7 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4 0-0-0 12.Be3 White is more active. **12...f6**



13.Nxg6! hxg6 14.h4 Be7 15.Qf3 Nf8



16.b4 0.28/20 **b5= 17.axb5** -0.04/21
[17.Nd2!⩲ 0.37/23]
17...cxb5 18.Nd2 Ne6 19.Nb3 -0.64/23
[19.Ra5= -0.25/21]
19...c4 0.13/21

[19...Nd4!∓ -0.64/23 20.Nxd4 cxd4]
20.Rxa7 Bxb4+ 21.Kf1 Qc6 1.44/22
[21...Qd6!= 0.05/23 keeps the balance. 22.dxc4 bxc4]
22.Na5? -2.71/25
[22.dxc4± 1.44/22 and Kg2 would now be decisive bxc4 23.Na5 Bxa5 24.Rxa5]
22...Bxa5-+ 23.Rxa5 cxd3 24.cxd3 Rxd3 25.Ra1? -8.06/22
[25.Qe2 -3.31/23 Rhd8 *(25...Qxe4 26.f3∓)* 26.Kg1]
25...Nd4 26.Qh3 White is weak on the light squares **26...Qxe4** and ...Rd8 should not be overlooked **27.Qg2 Nf3** (→ ...Rd1+!) **28.Qg3 Rhd8** (→ ...Rd1+) **29.Kg2 Nxh4+ 30.Kh3 Nf3** -35.05/26
[⌓30...Rh8 -#16/29 31.f3 Nxf3+ *(31...Qxe3? 32.Ra8+ Kd7 33.Rxh8-+; 31...Rxe3? 32.fxe4 Nf5+* Pin, Discovered Attack (Check) *33.Kg2-+)* 32.Kg2 Nd2+ 33.Kf2 Rxh1 34.Rxh1 Qxh1 35.Qg2 Ne4+ 36.Kf3 Rxe3+ Deflection 37.Kxe3 Qxg2 38.Kd3 f5 *(38...Qxg4 39.Kc2 Qg2+ 40.Kb3 Qd2 41.Ka3 Qc2 42.Kb4 Qa4#)* 39.gxf5 gxf5 40.Ke3 Qf2+ 41.Kd3 Qd2#]
31.Rhc1+ Kb8 32.Kg2 Nd4+ -27.68/25
[⌓32...Rxe3 -#18/34 33.fxe3 Rd2+ 34.Kh3 Ng5+ *(34...Qxe3 35.Rc8+* Decoy *Kxc8 36.Ra8+ Kb7 37.Qg2 Kxa8 38.g5 Rxg2 39.Kxg2 Qe2+ 40.Kg3 f5 41.Kh3 Qh2#; 34...Rh2+? 35.Qxh2 Nxh2 36.Kxh2-+; 34...g5 35.Rc8+* Decoy *Kxc8 36.Rc1+ Kb8 37.Qg2 Rxg2 38.Rc8+ Kxc8 39.Kxg2 Nh4+ 40.Kf1 Qg2+ 41.Ke1 Nf3+ 42.Kd1 Qd2#)* 35.Kh4 Rd8 *(35...Nf3+ 36.Kh3 Ng5+ 37.Kh4 Rd8 38.Ra8+* Decoy *Kxa8 39.Ra1+ Kb8 40.Ra8+ Kxa8 41.Qh3 Rh8+ 42.Kg3 Qf3+ 43.Kh2 Rxh3+ 44.Kg1 Rh1#; 35...Rg2? 36.Rab1-+)* 36.Ra8+ Decoy Kxa8 37.Ra1+ Kb7 38.Ra7+ Kxa7 39.Qh3 Rh8+ *(39...Nxh3 40.Kxh3 Rd2 41.Kh4 Rh2+ 42.Kg3 Qg2#)* 40.Kg3 Qf3+ *(40...Nxh3 41.g5 Qxe3+ 42.Kh2 Qg1#; 40...Rxh3+? 41.Kf2 Rh2+ 42.Kg3 Qg2#)* 41.Kh2 Rxh3+ 42.Kg1 Rh1#]
33.Kf1 Rh8 34.Bxd4 Rh1+ -15.70/5
[⌓34...Rxg3 -#15/32 35.Ba7+ Kb7 36.Rc7+ Decoy Kxc7 37.Rc1+ Kb7 38.Rc7+ Kxc7 39.fxg3 Rh2 *(39...Qxg4 40.Kg2 Qe4+ 41.Kf1 Rh2 42.Bf2 Qg2+ 43.Ke2 Qxf2+ 44.Kd3 Qf3#)* 40.Bf2 Qg2+ *(40...Qxg4 41.Kg1 Qh3 42.Bb6+ Kxb6 43.g4 Qg2#)* 41.Ke2 Qxf2+ 42.Kd3 Qf3#]
35.Qg1 Rxg1+ 36.Kxg1 Qxg4+ 37.Kf1 exd4 -34.39/27
[⌓37...Qh3+ -#14/27 38.Ke1 Rxd4 *(38...exd4? 39.Rcb1-+; 38...Qh1+? 39.Ke2-+)* 39.Rab1 Qd3 40.Rxb5+ Qxb5 41.f3 Qd3 42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kf1 Qxc1+ 44.Kg2 Rd2+ 45.Kg3 Qg1+ 46.Kh4 Rh2#]
38.Rab1 Qf5 (→ ...Rd2) **39.Rb2 Rc3** -34.08/22
[⌓39...Rh3 -#16/25 40.Rbc2 Rh1+ 41.Ke2 Qe4+ 42.Kd2 Qf4+ Skewer, Deflection, Double Attack 43.Ke2 d3+ Decoy *(43...Rxc1 44.Rxc1 Qxc1 45.Kd3 Qc3+ 46.Ke4 d3 47.Kf3 d2+ 48.Ke2 Qc1 49.Kf3 d1Q+ 50.Kg3 Qg5+ 51.Kh3 Qdh5#)* 44.Kxd3 Rh3+ *(44...Rxc1 45.Rxc1 Qxc1 46.Ke4 b4 47.Kd5 b3 48.Ke6 Qc7 49.Kd5 b2 50.Ke4 b1Q+ 51.Kf3 Qh1+ 52.Ke3 Qc3+ 53.Kf4 Qh4#)* 45.Ke2 Qe4+ 46.Kd1 Qd3+ 47.Rd2 Rh1#]
40.Rcb1 Qd3+ -38.21/26

[⌓40...Rc5 -#16/26 41.Kg2 Qg5+ 42.Kh3 Qh5+ 43.Kg2 Rg5+ 44.Kf1 Qh3+ 45.Ke1 Qc3+ *(45...Rg1+? 46.Ke2-+; 45...Qd3 46.Rxb5+ Rxb5 47.Rxb5+ Qxb5 48.Kd2 Qc4 49.f3 Qc3+ 50.Ke2 Qc2+ 51.Kf1 d3 52.f4 Qe2+ 53.Kg1 d2 54.Kh1 d1Q#)* 46.Rd2 Rg1+ Skewer 47.Ke2 Qc4+ *(47...Rxb1 48.Rd3 Qc2+* Deflection *49.Kf3 Qxd3+ 50.Kg2 Rb2 51.Kg1 Qh3 52.f4 Qg2#)* 48.Rd3 Qc2+ Skewer, Double Attack *(48...Rxb1 49.f4 Rb2+* Deflection *50.Kf3 Qxd3+ 51.Kg4 Rg2+ 52.Kh4 Qg3#)* 49.Rd2 Qe4#]

41.Kg1 Rc5 42.Rb3 Rg5+ 43.Kh2 Qc2 -28.90/25

[⌓43...Qe2 -#10/22 44.R1b2 Qf1 *(44...Qe4? 45.Rxb5+ Kc7 46.Rxg5-+)* 45.Rxb5+ Rxb5 *(45...Qxb5 46.Rxb5+ Rxb5 47.Kg2 d3 48.Kf3 Re5 49.Kg3 d2 50.f4 Rb5 51.Kh3 d1Q 52.Kg3 Rb3+ 53.Kg2 Qe2+ 54.Kh1 Rb1#)* 46.Rxb5+ Qxb5 47.Kh1 d3 48.Kg2 d2 49.Kh2 d1Q *(49...d1B 50.Kg3 Qg5+ 51.Kh2 Bf3 52.Kh3 Qg4+ 53.Kh2 Qg2#)* 50.f4 Qbe2+ *(50...Qbf1? 51.Kg3 Qg1+ 52.Kh4 Qh5#)* 51.Kh3 Qh1+ 52.Kg3 Qhh2#]

44.R1b2 Qc4 45.f4 Rf5 -33.18/22

[⌓45...Rh5+ -#20/25 46.Kg2 d3 47.Rb4 Qc6+ 48.Kf2 d2 *(48...Rh2+? 49.Kg3-+)* 49.Rxb5+ Qxb5 *(49...Rxb5 50.Rxd2 Rb3 51.Re2 Qf3+ 52.Ke1 Rb1+ 53.Kd2 Rb2+* Skewer *54.Kc1 Qc3+ 55.Kd1 Rb1#)* 50.Rxb5+ Rxb5 51.Ke2 Rd5 52.Kd1 f5 53.Kc2 d1Q+ *(53...d1R 54.Kc3 R5d3+ 55.Kb4 Kb7 56.Kc4 Kb6 57.Kb4 Rc1 58.Ka4 Rc4#)* 54.Kc3 Rb5 55.Kc4 Qb3+ 56.Kd4 Rd5#]

46.Kg3 Qc6 47.Re2 Kb7 48.Ra3 Kb6 (→ ...Qc1) **49.Rea2 b4** -14.89/23

[⌓49...Qc1 -#16/24 50.Rf3 d3 51.Rff2 Rh5 52.Ra6+ Decoy Kxa6 53.Ra2+ Kb6 54.Ra8 Qh1 *(54...Qe3+ 55.Kg2 Qxf4 56.Rb8+ Ka7 57.Rh8 Rxh8 58.Kg1 Qg3+ 59.Kf1 Rh1#)* 55.Rb8+ Kc7 *(55...Kc5 56.Rc8+ Kb4 57.Kf2 Rh2+ 58.Ke3 Re2+ 59.Kxd3 Qe4#)* 56.Rh8 Rxh8 57.f5 Rh3+ 58.Kg4 Qf3#]

50.Ra6+ Kc5?? 2.10/19

[50...Kc7-+ -15.20/25 avoids the disaster. 51.Rxc6+ Kxc6]

51.R2a5+?? -16.47/22

[51.Rxc6+? is the wrong capture. Kxc6 52.Rb2 Kb5-+]

[51.Rc2++- 2.10/19 Kd5 52.Rcxc6 *(52.Raxc6 b3±)*]

51...Kc4?? 2.12/20

[51...Qb5-+ -16.47/22 52.Rxb5+ Kxb5]

What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/Black=0.53

52.Rxc6+

1-0

47 **B31**

□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2755**

■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**

CCT Final RR 2024 rapid (3.3) 17.12.24

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.a4 Nf6 9.a5 0-0 10.Be3 Bg4 White is slightly better. **11.Nbd2 Nd7 12.h3 Be6 13.Ng5 b6 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Ra3 Rfd8 16.axb6 axb6 17.Qa1 Qe8 18.Ra7 Bf8 19.Qa2 Rxa7 20.Qxa7 Ra8 21.Qb7 Qc8 22.Qxc8** Deflection **22...Rxc8 23.Ra1** Prevents Ra8. **23...Bd6 24.Nc4 Bc7 25.Ra7 Kf8 26.g3** White is much more active.

[Reject 26.Bh6+ Ke7∓]

26...Ke7 27.Kg2 f6 28.f4 Ke6 29.Kf3 b5 30.Nd2 Bb6 31.Ra6 0.58/18

[White should try 31.f5+!± 1.11/19 Kd6 32.Ra1]

31...Rb8± 32.Nb3 f5? 2.69/19

[32...h5± 0.43/19]

33.exf5+? 0.37/19

[33.Nxc5+!+- 2.69/19 Nxc5 34.Bxc5 Bxc5 35.Rxc6+ Bd6 36.fxe5 Kxe5 37.d4+ Decoy Kxd4 *(37...Ke6? 38.e5+-* Pin *)* 38.Rxd6+ Ke5 39.Rd5+ Ke6 40.c3]

33...gxf5 34.fxe5 Nxe5+ 35.Ke2 Nd7 36.Nd2 Rg8 0.98/17

[36...Rb7± 0.47/19]

37.Bf2 0.27/22

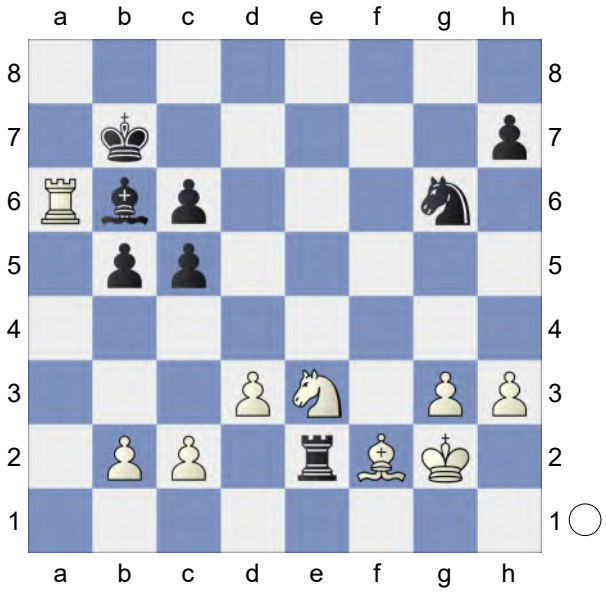
[37.Bf4± 0.98/17]

37...Kd6 38.Nf3 Kc7 39.Nh4 Re8+ 40.Kf3 0.18/24

[40.Kf1± 0.54/19]

40...Ne5+ 41.Kg2 Ng6 ...Nxh4+ is the strong threat. **42.Nxf5 Re2 43.Ne3 Kb7?** 4.89/23

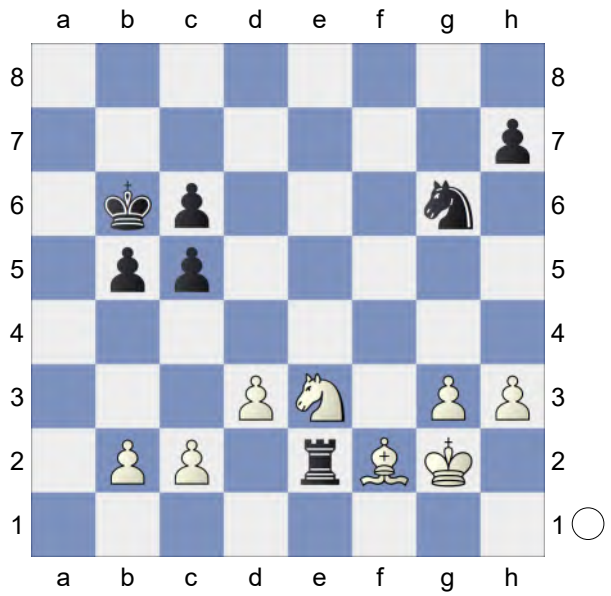
[43...Ne5= 0.30/21 and Black is okay.]



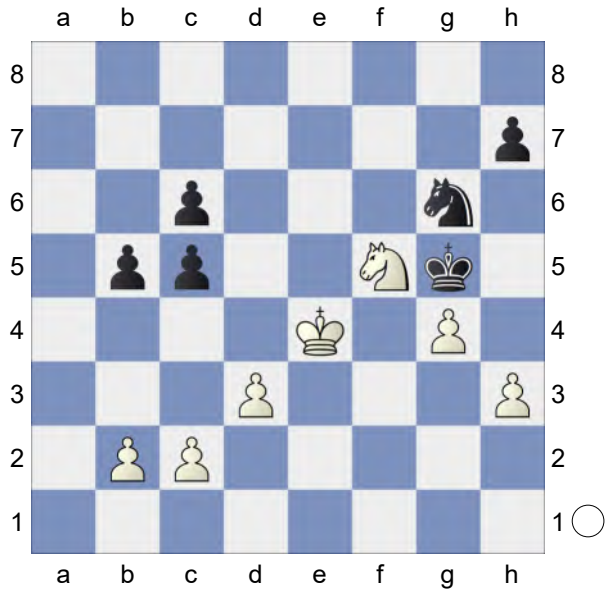
Black is now going downhill.

44.Rxb6+!+- Kxb6

(Diagram)



45.Kf1! Rxf2+
[But not 45...Rd2 46.Ke1 Rxf2 47.Kxf2+-]
46.Kxf2 Endgame. KN-KN **46...Kc7 47.Kf3 Kd6 48.Ke4 Ke6 49.g4 Kf6 50.Nf5 Kg5**



51.Kf3 h5? 6.12/22
[51...Ne5+ 3.70/20 52.Ke4 Ng6]
52.gxh5 Kxh5 53.Kg3 Kg5 54.Nd6 Kh5 55.Nf7 c4 5.58/24
[55...Ne7 3.97/21 was necessary. 56.Nd8 c4 57.dxc4 bxc4]
56.dxc4 White is clearly winning.
56...bxc4 57.c3 c5 58.Kf3 Kh4 59.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.44
1-0

48 **B30**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2755**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2731**
CCT Final RR 2024 rapid (3.2) 17.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8

Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.c3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Be2 Nxd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.e5 f6 12.f4 fxe5 13.fxe5 Rxf1+ 14.Bxf1 Bg5 15.Qd2** 0.00/24

[15.Bxg5± 0.36/20 Qxg5 16.Qd2]

15...Bxe3+= 16.Qxe3 Bd7 17.Nd2 Qb6 18.Nb3 Rf8 0.55/22

[Black should try 18...Bb5= 0.00/18]

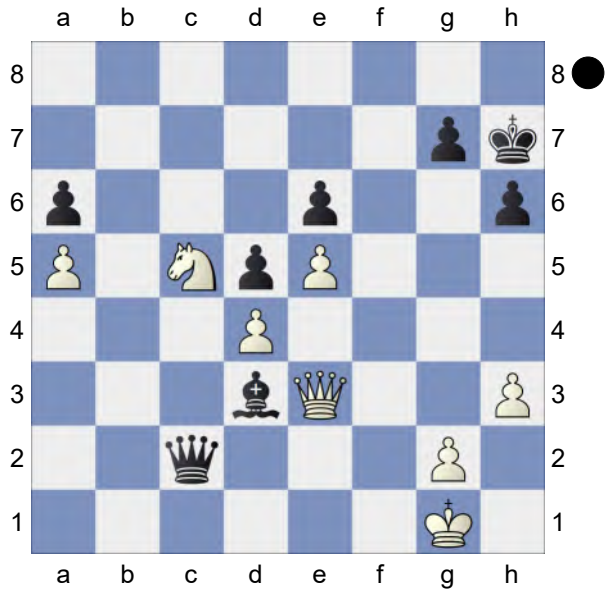
19.Bd3 0.04/19

[19.g3!± 0.55/22]

19...Nf4 The position is equal. **20.Rf1 Nxd3 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Qxd3** Endgame. KQB-KQN **22...Qb4 23.h3**

[23.Qxh7? Qe1#]

23...Kg8 24.Kh2 b6 25.a3 Qf8 26.Qe3 h6 27.Nd2 Qf5 28.Qc3 Bb5 29.Kg1 Bd3 30.a4 Kh7 31.b4 a6 32.a5 bxa5 33.bxa5 Bb5 34.Qe3 Qc2 35.Nb3 Bd3 36.Nc5



Deflection, Double Attack **36...Bf5**

[Much worse is 36...Be4?! 37.Qf2 Qc1+ 38.Kh2±]

37.Nxa6 And now Nc5 would win.

37...Qa2

[37...Be4 38.Qf2 Qc3 39.Nc5 Qxa5 40.Nxe6±]

38.Nc5 Qxa5 39.g4 Be4 40.Nxe4

[40.Nxe6 keeps more tension. Qa1+ 41.Kf2 Qa2+ 42.Kg3]

40...dxe4 41.Qxe4+ KQ-KQ **41...Kg8 42.Qe3 Qa2 43.Qf2 Qb1+ 44.Kg2 Qe4+ 45.Kg3 Qd3+ 46.Kh2 Qe4 47.Qd2 Qf3 48.Qb2 Qf4+ 49.Kg2 Qe4+ 50.Kf2 Qf4+ 51.Kg2 Qe4+ 52.Kg1 Qe3+ 53.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

½-½

49 **B30**

□ **LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6**

■ **Stockfish Dev F7** **3662**

TCEC 26 Balanced Lines (12.1) 01.08.24

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

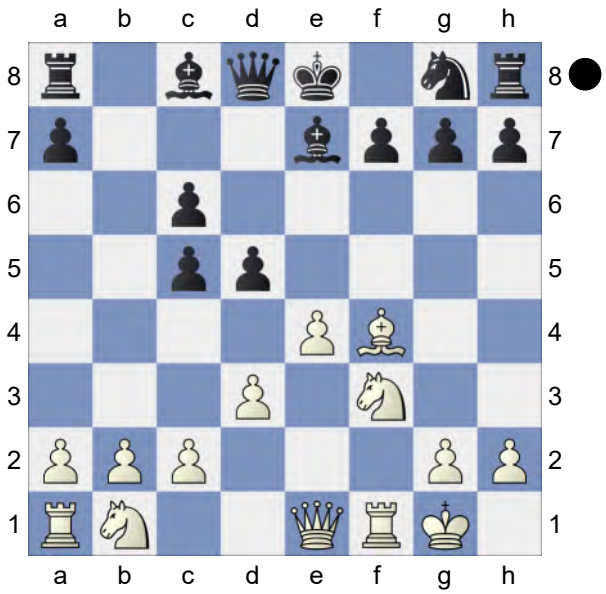
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.Bxc6N

[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)*

11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 e5 7.Nh4 d5 8.f4 Be7 White has an edge. **9.Qe1** next Qg3 is good for White. **9...Qd8 10.Nf3 exf4 11.Bxf4**



Nf6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Kh1 Re8 14.h3 dxe4 15.dxe4 Ba6 16.Rf2 Qb6 17.Rb1 h6 18.Bg3 Rad8 19.e5 Nd5 20.Nh4 Bxh4! 21.Bxh4 f6 22.Bg3 Bc8 23.Na4 Qb4 24.b3 Qxe1+ 25.Rxe1 c4 26.bxc4 Nb6 27.Nb2 Ba6 28.Rf3 Nxc4

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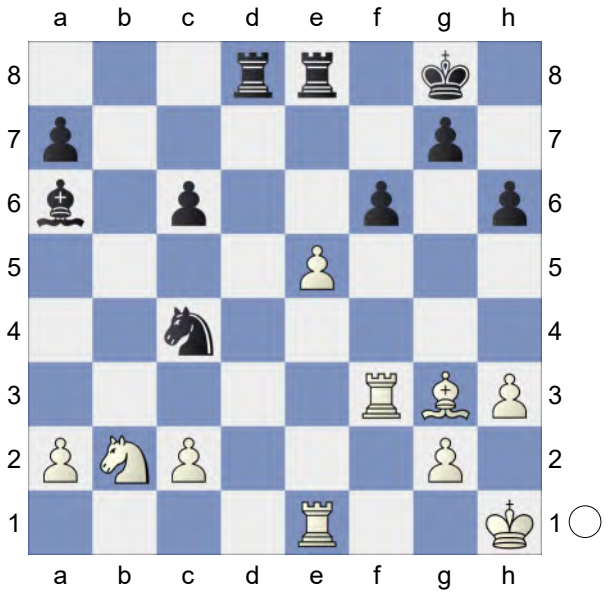

29.exf6! Rxe1+

[29...Nxb2? loses. 30.f7+ Kh7 31.Rxe8+- *(31.fxe8R Rxe8 32.Rxe8 Nc4+-; 31.fxe8N Rd7+-; 31.fxe8B Bc4+-)*]

30.Bxe1 Hoping for f7+. **30...gxf6**

[30...Nxb2 31.f7+ Kh7 32.f8Q *(32.f8B Nd1=)* 32...Rxf8 33.Rxf8+-]

31.Nd3

[Reject 31.Nxc4 Rd1 32.Kh2 *(32.Rg3+ Kf7=)* 32...Bxc4]

31...Ne5! 32.Rxf6 Nxd3 33.cxd3 Rxd3 34.Rxh6 Ra3 35.Rg6+

[35.Rxc6 Rxh3+ 36.Kg1 *(36.gxh3 Bb7±* Pin *)* 36...Ra3]

35...Kh7 36.Rxc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless) **36...Rxh3+!**

½-½

50 **B31**
□ **Stockfish Dev F7** **3662**
■ **LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6**
TCEC 26 Balanced Lines (12.2) 01.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 0-0 8.a4 Ne8 9.e5 Nc7 White is slightly better. **10.Be3 b6 11.h3** Against Bg4 **11...Be6 12.a5 Bd5 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Nxd5 cxd5 15.d4 Ne6 16.c3 Rfc8 17.Qe2 cxd4 18.cxd4 Rab8 19.axb6 Rxb6 20.Ra2 Nd8 21.Rea1 Nc6 22.Bd2 Bf8 23.Bc3 Qf5 24.Nh2 Rcb8 25.Ng4 Bg7 26.Ra4 e6 27.Qd2 g5 28.Ne3 Qg6 29.Nf1** 0.01/24
[29.Rf1± 0.49/20]
29...g4 0.57/23
[29...a5= 0.01/24]
30.hxg4± Qxg4 31.Qd1 Qxd1 32.Rxd1 f6 33.exf6 Bxf6 34.Ng3 Bg5 35.Ne2 a5 36.g3 h5 37.Kg2 Kf7 38.Rh1 Rh8 39.g4 Kg6 40.Ng3
[Reject 40.Bxa5 Rxb2 41.gxh5+ Kh6∓ *(41...Rxh5 42.Rxh5 Kxh5 43.Kf1∓)*]
40...h4 41.Nh5 Rhb8 42.Rha1 Rb3 43.Re1 0.09/21
[43.Rf1!± 0.62/20]
43...Kf7= 44.Re2 Bc1 45.Rc2 Bg5
[45...Bxb2 46.Bxb2 *(46.Bxa5 h3+ 47.Kh2 Nxa5∓)* 46...h3+ 47.Kg1± *(47.Kh2 Rxb2 48.Rxc6 R8b3±)*]
46.Bxa5 h3+ 47.Kg1 Nxa5 48.Rxa5 Bf6 49.Rc7+ Kg6 50.Raa7
[50.Rc6 R8b6 51.Rxb6 Rxb6 52.Nxf6 Kxf6 53.Ra3]

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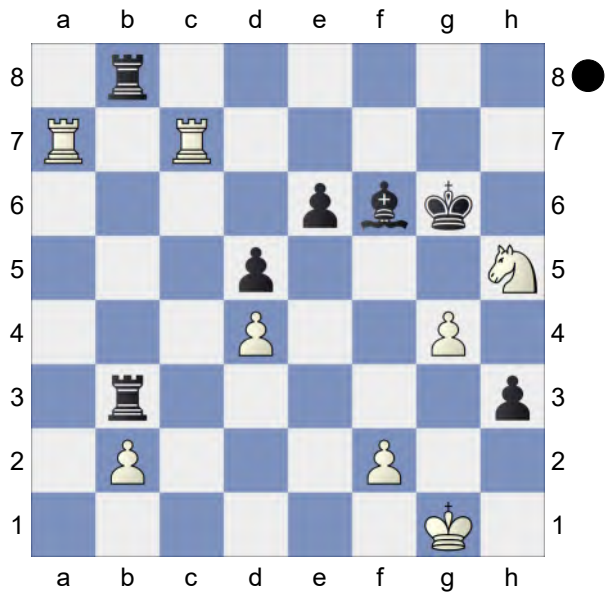
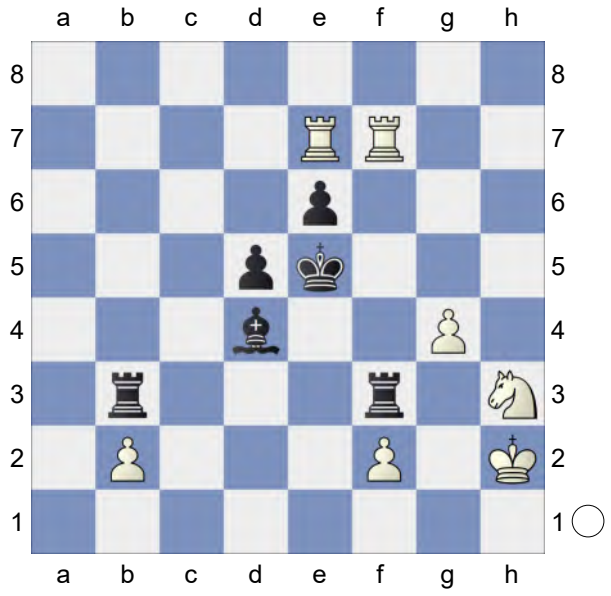


aiming for Rf7. **50...Bxd4 51.Nf4+ Kf6 52.Rf7+ Ke5 53.Rae7 R8b6 54.Kh2 Rf3 55.Nxh3 Rbb3** 0.39/32

[55...Rxf7= 0.01/25 56.Rxf7 Kd6]



56.Rxe6+! Decoy **56...Kxe6 57.Ng5+ Kd6 58.Nxf3** 0.12/20

[58.Rxf3± 0.48/27 is superior. Rxf3 59.Nxf3 Bxf2 60.Kg2]

58...Bxf2 59.g5 Rxb2 60.g6 Bd4+ 61.Kh3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

61...Bh8
½-½

51 **B31**
□ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2741**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
USA-ch Saint Louis (10) 22.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

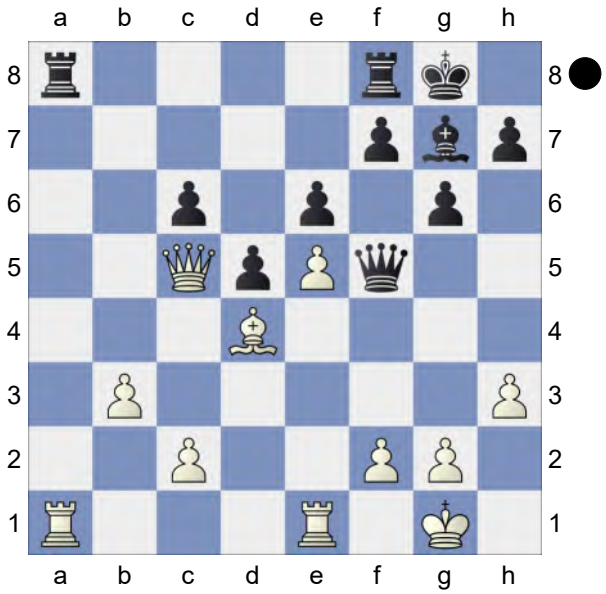
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

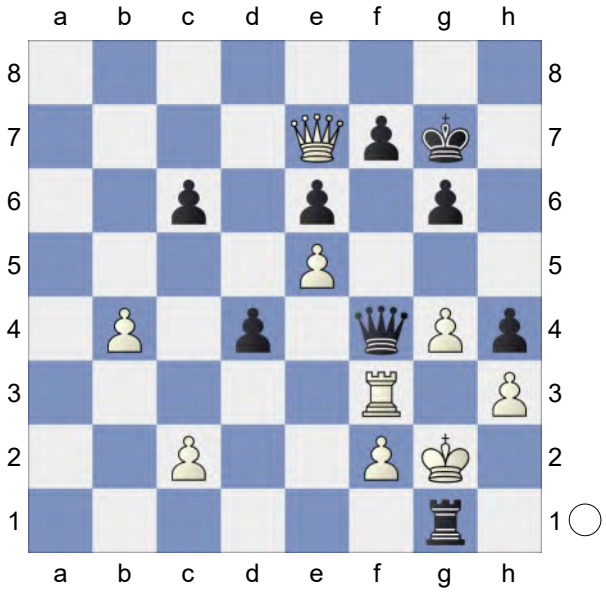
3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267

(2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nf6 6...Qc7 is becoming the main line. 6...Dc7 wird zur Hauptvariante. **7.e5 Nd5 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 a5 10.Nc3** White is slightly better. **10...Nxc3 11.Bxc3 a4 12.h3 d5 13.d4 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Bf5** Black is weak on the dark squares **15.Qc5** 0.01/24 White is more active.
[15.b4± 0.63/21]
15...e6=
[15...Qd7 0.72/23 15...e6 -0.01 16.b4 Qa7 17.Qxa7 Rxa7 18.Bd4 Rc7 19.Re2 Bc8 0.56/22 *(19...h5=* 0.19/21 deserves consideration.*)* 20.Bb6± Ba6 21.Re3 Rb7 1-0 Kolarik,J (2304)-Folk Gilsanz,J (2275) USA D email ICCF email 2017]
[15...Bxc2 16.Nd4+-]
16.Nd4
[16.b4!?]
16...Qg5 17.Nxf5 -0.28/23
[⌓17.Re3 0.28/24]
17...Qxf5 18.Bd4 axb3 -0.01/27
[18...Rfb8∓ -0.41/23]
19.axb3



Strongly threatening Rxa8. **19...Rxa1**
20.Bxa1 Rc8 21.Bd4 Bf8 22.Qc3 h5
[Much worse is 22...c5 23.b4±]
23.Bc5 Qf4 24.b4 Kg7 25.Bxf8+ Rxf8 Endgame KQR-KQR **26.g3! Qf5 27.Kg2 h4 28.g4**
[28.gxh4 Rh8 29.Qg3 Qxc2]
28...Qf4 Threatening ...Rb8. **29.Qc5 Ra8 30.Re3!** Dodges Ra3 **30...Ra1 31.Qe7 d4 32.Rf3** Chess con chili. **32...Rg1+!**



Deflection **33.Kxg1 Qxf3** The position is equal. **34.Qxh4±** KQ-KQ. White is a pawn up. **34...Qf4** Repels Qg5 **35.Qg3⇄** White puts up resistance **35...Qe4 36.Qd3 Qxe5** ...Qe1+ is the strong threat. **37.Kg2 g5 38.Qc4 Qe4+ 39.f3 Qe3 40.Qxc6 Qd2+ 41.Kf1 Qxb4 42.Ke2 Qa3 43.Qe4 Qc5 44.Kd3 Qc3+ 45.Ke2 Kf6 46.Kd1 Qb4 47.Ke2 Qc3 48.Kd1 Qc5 49.Kd2 Kg7 50.Kd3 e5 51.Kd2 Qc7 52.Kd1 Qc5 53.Qf5 f6 54.Qd7+ Kg6 55.Qf5+ Kg7 56.Qd7+ Kg6 57.Qf5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **57...Kg7**
½-½

52 **B31**
□ **LaQuaisha** **2820**
■ **magnusglad_bot** **2644**
Classical 28.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 15min+15sec B31: Sicilian: 2... Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Be3 Qb6 10.Qe2 a6 11.Bxc6 White is slightly better.
11...Qxc6 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nbd2 a5 14.h3 b6 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.Rad1 Ba6 17.Qc2 e6 0.98/20
[17...Rad8⩲ 0.53/17 is more appropriate.]
18.Nxc5± bxc5 19.Qc1 Rfb8 20.Bh6 Qc8 21.Nh2 Bxh6 22.Qxh6 Qf8 23.Qf4 White is more active. **23...Rxb2 24.Ng4 Rxa2 25.Rb1! Ra3** 2.07/24
[25...a4± 1.19/22 was necessary.]
26.Re3+- d4 27.Rg3 dxc3
[27...Rxc3 28.Nh6+ Kh8 *(28...Kg7? 29.Qf6+ Kxh6 30.Rg4+-)* 29.Rxc3 dxc3 30.Rd1= *(30.Qf6+ Qg7=)*]
28.Nh6+! Kh8
[28...Kg7 29.Qf6+ Kxh6 30.Rg4]
29.Rd1!
[29.Nxf7+ Kg8 30.Nh6+ Kg7∓]
[29.Qf6+ Qg7 30.Rc1 *(30.Nxf7+? Kg8-+)* 30...Qxf6 31.exf6 c4 32.Nxf7+ Kg8=]
29...f5 30.Rd7! Ra1+ 31.Kh2 and Nf7+ would now be decisive **31...c2 32.Rc3 Rd1**
[32...g5 33.Qxg5 c1B 34.Rxc1 Rxc1 35.Rf7 *(35.Nf7+ Qxf7 36.Rxf7 Rh1+ 37.Kxh1 Rg8 38.Qf6+ Rg7 39.Qxg7#)*]
33.Rf7 Qd8
[33...Rd4 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Qg5+-]

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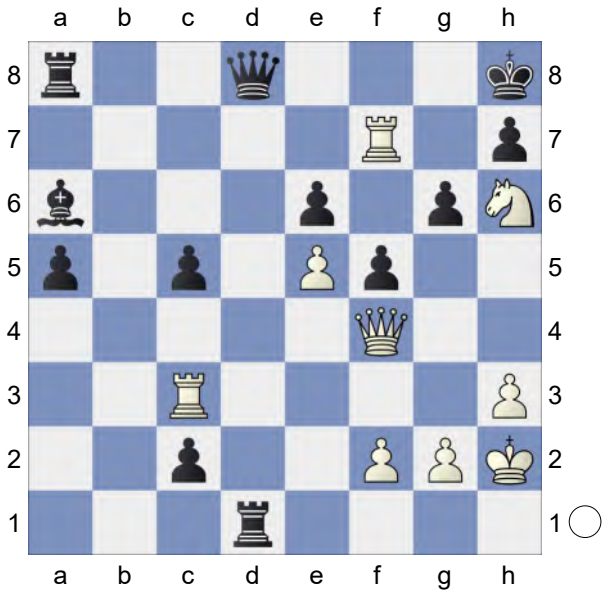
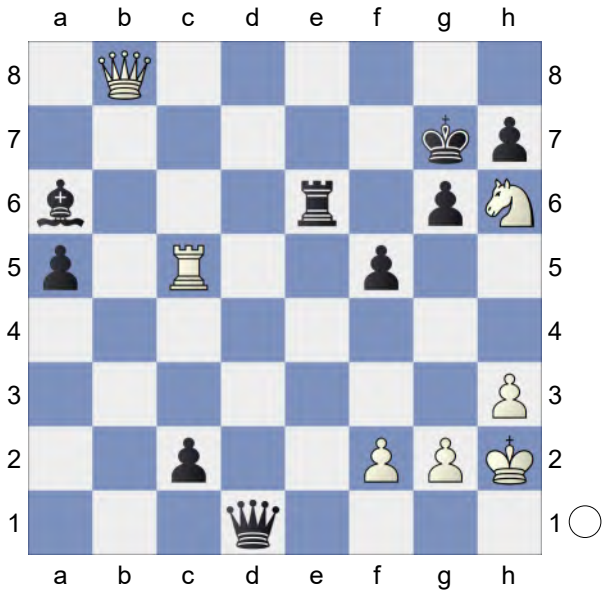


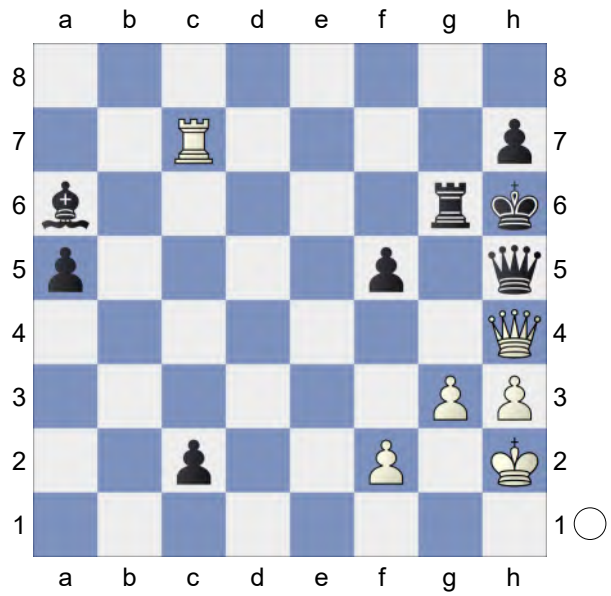
Dodges Qh4. and ...Qd2 would now be decisive **34.Rxf5!** Clearance
[34.Rxc2 Qd4 35.Qxd4 Rxd4 36.Rxc5 Rh4 37.Rxa5 Rxh6=]
[34.Rxc5 Rc8=]
34...Rh1+? 8.69/24
[34...Rd4 3.07/23 35.Nf7+ Kg8 36.Nxd8 Rxf4 37.Rxf4 Rxd8 38.Rxc2 c4]
35.Kxh1 Qd1+ 36.Kh2 exf5 37.Rxc5 Re8 38.e6 Deflection **38...Rxe6 39.Qb8+**
[39.Rxc2 Bb5±]
39...Kg7

(Diagram)



40.Nxf5+ gxf5 41.Rc7+ Kh6 42.Qf8+ Kg5 43.g3 Qe2 44.Qg8+ Rg6 45.Qd8+ Kh6 46.Qf8+? 0.01/5
[46.Qh4+ #21/36 mates Qh5 47.Qe7 *(47.Rxh7+? Kxh7 48.Qxh5+ Kg7-+)* 47...Rxg3 48.Qxh7+ *(48.Kxg3 Qg5+ 49.Qxg5+ Kxg5+-; 48.fxg3 Qe2+ 49.Qxe2 Bxe2+-)* 48...Kg5 49.Qg8+ *(49.fxg3* leads to mate. *Qe2+ 50.Kg1 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 Qf2+ 52.Kh1 Bb7+* Back Rank, Promotion *53.Rxb7 c1Q#)* 49...Qg6 50.Qd8+ Qf6 51.h4+ Deflection Kg4 52.Qxf6 Rh3+ 53.Kg2 Bb7+ 54.Rxb7]
46...Kg5= 47.Qd8+ White now steadily converts the win. **47...Kh6 48.Qh4+ Qh5**

(Diagram)

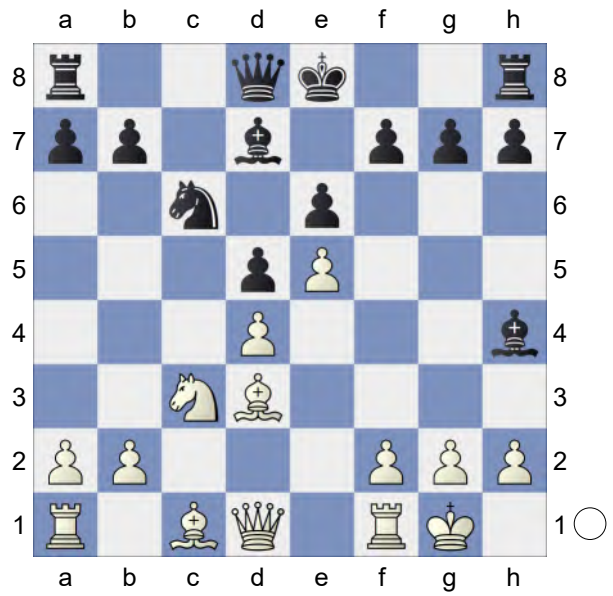


49.Qe7!
[Avoid the trap 49.Rxh7+? Kxh7 50.Qxh5+ Kg7 51.Qxf5 c1Q-+ *(51...c1R 52.Qe5+ Kh7 53.Qh5+ Kg7 54.Qe5+ Kh7 55.Qe7+ Rg7 56.Qh4+ Kg8 57.Qh6=)*]
49...c1Q 50.Qxh7+ Kg5 51.f4+ Deflection **51...Qxf4 52.gxf4+** White mates. **52...Kxf4 53.Qxh5 Rd6 54.Qh4+ Ke5 55.Qe1+ Kd4 56.Qc3+ Kd5 57.Qc5+ Ke6 58.Qe3+ Kf6 59.Qe7+ Kg6 60.Qxd6+ Kg5 61.Rg7+ Kh5 62.Rh7+ Kg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.39 **63.Qh6#**
1-0

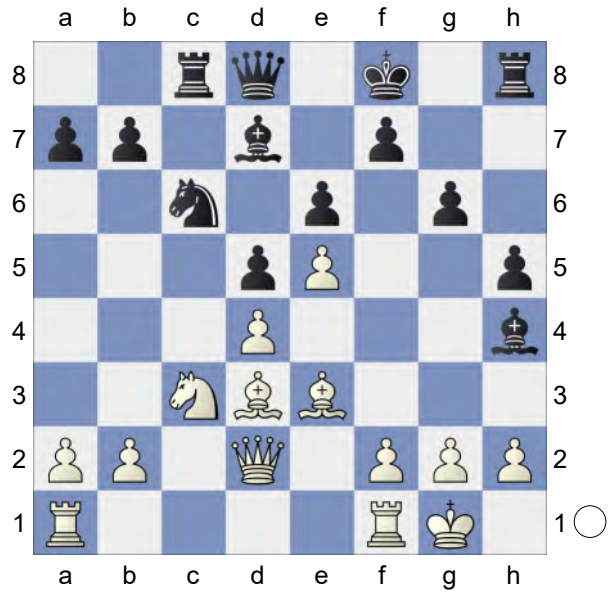
53 **B30**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2636**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2725**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.c3**
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Be2 a6 9.c4 Nf4 10.Nc3 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 Be7 12.Rac1 0-0 13.Rfd1 Re8 14.Qd2 Ne5 15.b3 d6 16.h3 Bd7 17.Nde2 Rac8 18.c5 dxc5 19.f4 Bc6 20.fxe5 Qxe5 1-0 Xiong,J (2646)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2732) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Apr Late blitz 2024 (11)]
4...Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.e5N
[7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2) 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 34.Ne5 a4 35.Nc4 Be7 36.Be5+ f6 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]
7...Bd7 7...Bd7 scores better than 7...a6. 7...Ld7 punktet besser als 7...a6. **8.Nc3!** White is slightly better. **8...Nf5 9.0-0 Be7** 0.76/21
[9...Qb6± 0.40/24]
10.Bd3± Nh4 1.29/23
[10...Ncxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qg4±]
[⌓10...0-0 0.76/23]
11.Nxh4 Bxh4

(Diagram)



12.Qg4! Kf8 13.Be3 h5N
[13...Be7 14.Rac1 h5 15.Qf3 Kg8 16.Ne2 1.02/23 *(⌓16.Rfd1 1.42/22)* 16...Nb4± 17.Bb1 Bb5 18.a3 Nc6 19.Rfd1 Bxe2 20.Qxe2 1-0 Palczert, M (2297)-Kolimar,K (2282) HUN-ch U20 Budapest 2024 (7)]
14.Qe2 White is much more active.
14...g6 15.Qd2 Rc8 1.67/21
[15...Kg7± 1.02/20]



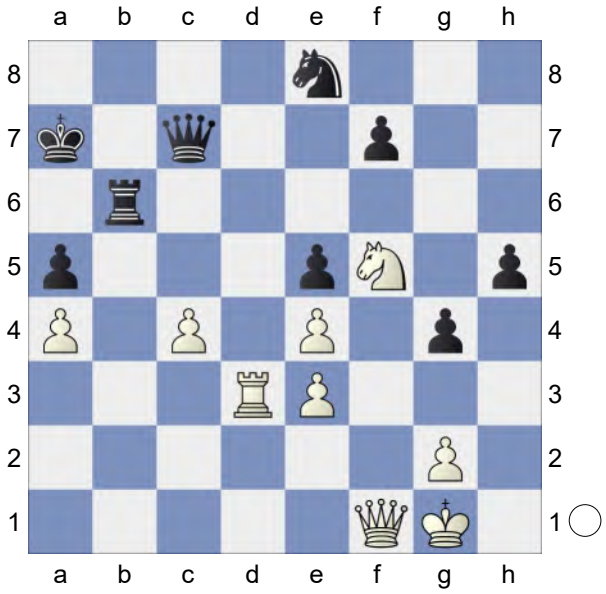
16.Rfc1 0.79/21
[16.Nb5!+- 1.67/21]
16...Kg7 1.26/19
[⌓16...Be7 0.79/21]
17.Ne2± Be7 18.a3 a5 19.Rc2 0.62/21
[19.b3± 1.02/21]
19...Qb6 1.74/23
[19...a4!± 0.62/21]
20.Rac1 a4 21.Bg5 Qd8 22.h4 Bxg5 23.hxg5
[23.Qxg5?! Qxg5 24.hxg5 Ra8±]
23...Qe7 2.93/22
[⌓23...h4 1.67/21 24.Qf4 Kg8]
24.Qf4 Ra8 25.Nc3 h4 26.Nb5 Rh5 27.Qf6+ Qxf6 28.gxf6+
[Not 28.exf6+ Kg8+-]
28...Kf8 29.f4 g5 7.30/22
[⌓29...Kg8 4.86/22 30.Nd6 h3]
30.Be2+- Deflection **30...Rh6 31.fxg5 Rg6 32.Kf2 Rxg5 33.Rh1 Na5 34.Rxh4 Bc6 35.Nd6 Nb3 36.Ke3 Rd8 37.Rh8+ Rg8 38.Rxg8+ Kxg8 39.Bh5 Rd7 40.g4 Na5 41.g5 Nc4+ 42.Nxc4 dxc4 43.Rxc4** Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up. **43...Rd5 44.g6 fxg6 45.Bxg6 Rb5 46.Rb4**
[46.Rxa4 Rb3+ *(46...Rxb2 47.Ra8+)* 47.Kf4 Bxa4∓]
46...Ra5 47.Rc4? -0.01/19
[White should play 47.Be4+- 18.23/30 Kf7 48.Bxc6 bxc6 49.Rb7+ Kf8 50.Re7]
47...Rb5= 48.Rb4 -0.01/23
[48.Rxa4 Rb3+ *(48...Rxb2 49.Ra8+)* 49.Kf4 Bxa4∓]
[48.Rc3+- 11.49/24 Rd5 49.Rc2]
48...Ra5! 49.Be4 and Bxc6 should not be overlooked **49...Ra7 50.Bxc6 bxc6+-** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **51.Rb8+ Kf7 52.Rh8 Kg6** Prevents Rh7. **53.Rg8+ Kh6 54.Re8 Rb7 55.Rxe6 Kg5 56.Rxc6 Kf5 57.Kd3 Rxb2 58.f7 Rb8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/Black=0.78 **59.Rf6+**
1-0

54 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2798**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**
45th Olympiad 2024 (9.2) 20.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

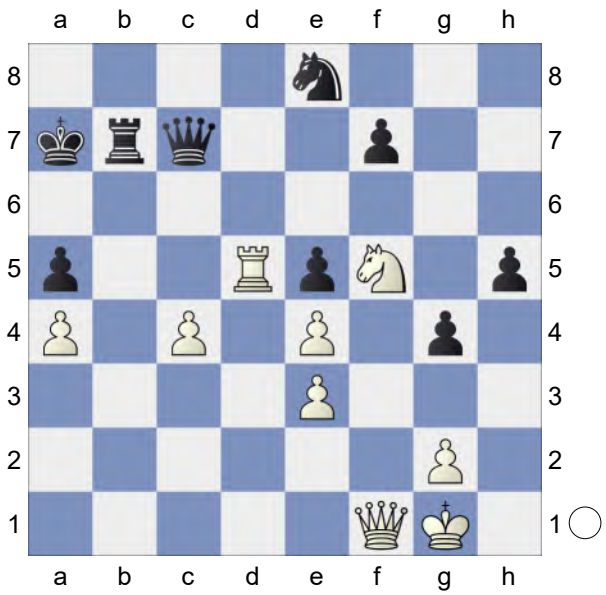
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.a4 Qc7 8.Na3 a5 9.d3 White is slightly better. **9...Nf6 10.Be3 b6 11.Nc4 Nd7! 12.Qd2 h6 13.c3 Ba6 14.b3 Bxc4 15.bxc4 0-0-0 16.Qc2 Kb7 17.Rab1 Rhe8** 0.61/22
[17...Ka7= 0.24/19]
18.Qc1 g5 19.h4 g4 0.66/23
[19...Qd6= 0.26/20]
20.Nh2 Qd6 1.04/22
[20...h5± 0.48/22]
21.Qd1
[21.Nf1 Qxd3 22.Qb2 Qxc4 23.Red1]
21...h5 22.Nf1 Bh6 23.Ng3! Bxe3 24.fxe3
[24.Nf5 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Qf6=]
24...Nf6 2.00/22
[24...Re6± 1.48/20]
25.Rf1+- Ka6 1.87/23
[25...Re6± 1.42/22 keeps fighting.]
26.Rb2 1.13/22
[26.Rf5+- 1.87/23]
26...Re6 2.15/24
[26...Rd7± 1.13/22]
27.Qb1 Rb8 2.16/21
[27...Qc7± 1.48/23]
28.Rf5 Rb7 29.Kh2? 0.01/23
[29.Nxh5 Nxh5 30.Rxh5 g3±]
[29.Rbf2!+- 1.80/24]
29...Qd8!= 30.Kg1
[30.Nxh5 Nxe4 *(30...Qh8 31.Nxf6 Qxh4+ 32.Kg1∓)* 31.dxe4 Qxh4+ 32.Kg1 g3 *(32...Rh6 33.g3±)* 33.Nxg3 Qxg3∓]
30...Ne8 0.39/25
[30...Qd6= 0.01/26]
31.Rg5 0.01/22
[31.Rxh5± 0.39/25 Ng7 32.Rg5]
31...Nf6 0.67/24
[31...Rd7!= 0.01/22]
32.Qf1
[32.Nxh5 Nxh5 33.Rxh5 g3=]
32...Rd7 33.Rd2 Ka7? 1.95/24
[33...Ne8!± 0.43/19]
34.Rf5 0.62/27

[34.Nxh5 Nxe4 35.dxe4 Rxd2 36.Qxf7+ Re7-+]
[34.Qf5+- 1.95/24]
34...Ka6 35.Rd1
[35.Nxh5? Nxe4 36.Re2 Rxd3-+ *(36...Nxc3? 37.Re1-+)*]
35...Ka7 36.Rd2 -0.01/25
[36.Nxh5 Nxe4 37.Rxf7 Nxc3=]
[36.Qf2± 0.61/25]
36...Ka6 37.Rd1 -0.01/23
[37.Nxh5? Nxe4 38.Rxf7 Nxd2-+]
[37.Qe2± 0.87/24]
37...Ka7! 38.Qf2↑ 0.45/23 White has the initiative.
[38.Nxh5 Nxe4 39.Rxf7 Nxc3∓]
[38.Qe2± 0.91/25]
38...Ka6± 39.Qe2
[39.Nxh5? Nxe4 *(39...Rxd3? 40.Rxd3 Qxd3 41.Nxf6+-; 39...Nxh5 40.Rxh5 Rg6 41.Qe2=)* 40.Qe1 *(40.Qc2? g3-+)* 40...Nd6-+ *(40...Rxd3 41.Rxd3 Qxd3 42.Rxf7-+)*]
[39.Rf1 with more complications. Rdd6 40.Nxh5 Nxh5 41.Rxh5 Rh6 42.Qxf7 g3 43.Rxh6 Rxh6 44.Qf8]
39...Ka7 40.Qf1 Kb7! 41.Rf2 0.24/23
[41.Nxh5 Nxe4 42.Rxf7 Nxc3=]
[41.Rg5!± 0.71/23]
41...Ka7= 42.Rfd2 0.01/22
[42.Rb2± 0.38/25 is superior.]
42...Ne8! 43.d4! Qxh4? 4.74/25
[43...Ng7!± 0.43/19]
44.Nf5? 0.84/23
[44.dxc5!+- 4.74/25 and the rest is easy. Rxd2 45.Rxd2]
44...Qd8± 45.Rd3 cxd4 2.92/26
[Better is 45...Qc7± 0.65/25]
46.cxd4+- Hoping for c5. **46...c5**
[46...exd4 47.Nxd4 Qf6 48.Nb5+ *(48.Nxe6 Qxf1+* Remove Defender *49.Kxf1 Rxd3+-)* 48...Kb8 49.Rxd7+-]

47.dxc5 Rxd3 48.Rxd3 Qc7 49.cxb6+ Rxb6



50.Rd5? 0.13/23
[50.Qd1!+- 2.41/24 Qxc4 51.Rd7+ Ka6 52.Re7]
50...Rb7 1.52/22
[50...Rb4= 0.13/23]



51.Qa1? -0.01/23 White has more active pieces.
[51.Qe1!± 1.52/22]
51...g3= 52.Nxg3
[52.Rxe5? Qxe5 *(52...Rb1+*

53.Qxb1 Qxe5 54.Nd4±) 53.Qe1 Rb4 *(53...Qxe4 54.Qxa5+ Kb8 55.Qd8+ Ka7 56.Qa5+ Kb8 57.Qd8+ Ka7 58.Qa5+=)* 54.Qxg3 Rb1+ *(54...Qxe4? 55.Nd4-+; 54...Qxg3? 55.Nxg3 Rxa4 56.c5-+)* 55.Kh2 Qa1-+ *(55...Qxe4? 56.Nd4-+; 55...Qxg3+? 56.Kxg3 Rb4 57.e5-+)*]

52...Nf6 White must now prevent ...h4!. **53.Rxe5 Rb1+** Deflection **54.Qxb1 Qxe5±** Endgame KQN-KQN. White is two pawns up. **55.Qe1** 0.12/24

[White should try 55.Qf1!± 0.68/23]

55...Ng4= 56.Nf1 Nf6! 57.Qd2 Kb7 0.77/27

[57...Nxe4= 0.12/26 remains equal. 58.Qd7+ Kb6]

58.Qd8 0.11/24

[58.c5± 0.77/27 Qxc5 59.Qd3]

58...Nxe4 59.Qd7+ Kb6! 60.Qxf7

[60.Qd4+ simplifies Qxd4 61.exd4 Kc6 62.Ne3]

60...Kc5 61.Qb7 Nc3 Repels Qb5+ **62.Qb3 h4 63.Kf2 Qf5+ 64.Ke1 Qd3** Black has compensation. **65.Qb2** Wards off Qe2+ **65...Kc6 66.e4 Kc7**

[66...Nxe4 67.Qb5+ Kc7 68.Qxa5+ Kc8 69.Qf5+ Kc7 70.Qe5+ Kd7 71.Qg7+ *(71.Qd5+ Qxd5 72.cxd5 Nc3=)* 71...Kc6 72.Qh6+ Kb7 73.Qe3 *(73.Qxh4 Qc3+ 74.Ke2 Qxc4+ 75.Ke3 Qc1+ 76.Ke2 Qc2+ 77.Ke3 Qc1+ 78.Ke2 Qc4+ 79.Ke3 Qc1+=)* 73...Qxc4 74.Qf4]

67.c5 -0.45/24

[67.e5= -0.03/24]

67...Qd1+ 68.Kf2 Qd4+ 69.Ke1 Qd1+ -0.01/5

[69...Qxe4+∓ -0.39/23 70.Kd2 Nxa4 *(70...Qxg2+ 71.Kxc3 Qf3+ 72.Kc2=)* 71.Qg7+ Kc6 72.Qf6+ Kb5 *(72...Kxc5 73.Ne3∓)*]

70.Kf2 Qd4+ 71.Ke1 Qxe4+ 72.Kd2 Nd5 -0.07/17 Repels Qb6+

[But not 72...Qxg2+?! 73.Kxc3 Qf3+ 74.Kc2 Qf5+ *(74...Qxf1 75.Qb6+ Kc8 76.Qc6+ Kd8 77.Qd5+ Kc8 78.Qe6+ Kd8 79.Qd5+ Kc7 80.Qe5+ Kd7 81.Qd5+ Kc8 82.Qc6+ Kb8 83.Qe8+ Kc7 84.Qe7+ Kb8 85.Qd8+ Kb7 86.Qd7+ Kb8 87.Qd8+ Kb7 88.Qd7+ Kb8 89.Qd6+ Kb7 90.Qd7+=)* 75.Kb3=]

[72...Nxa4∓ -0.90/20 73.Qg7+ Kc6]

73.Qb5 The position is equal. **73...Qd4+ 74.Ke1 Qe5+ 75.Kf2 Qd4+** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.32 **76.Ke1**

½-½

55 **B30**

□ **Berserk13** **3540**

■ **Rubichess20240420** **3531**

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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.Bxc6N

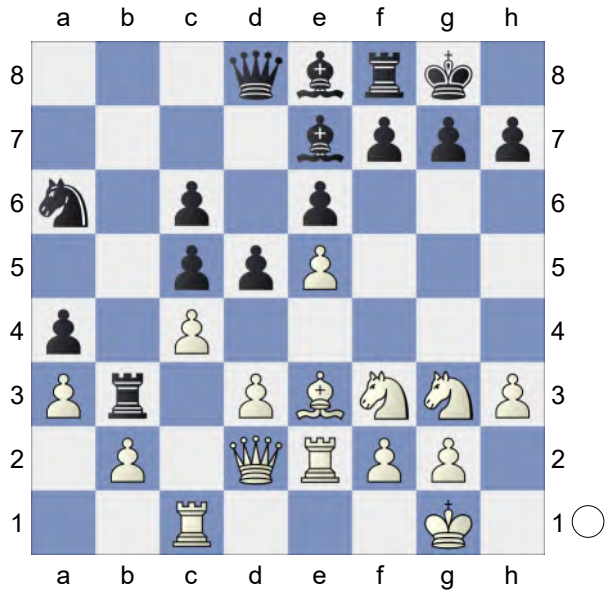
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5*

Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.0-0 Nf6 0.79/23

[5...Ne7= 0.03/20 keeps the balance.]

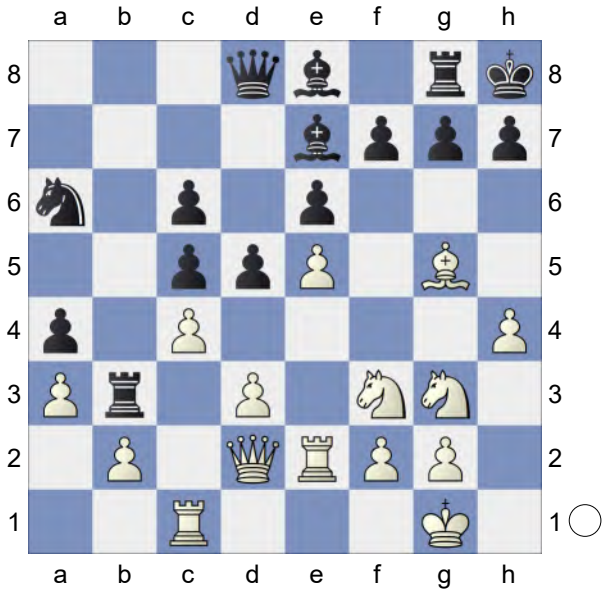
6.e5± Nd5 7.d3 Be7 8.c4 White is better. **8...Nb4 9.Nc3 d6 10.Ne4 d5 11.Ng3 a5 12.Be3 0-0 13.Qe2 Bd7 14.Rfe1 Be8 15.h3 Na6 16.Rac1** White is more active. **16...Ra7 17.a3 Rb7 18.Qd2 a4 19.Re2 Rb3**



20.h4! Kh8

[20...Nc7 21.cxd5]

21.Bg5 Rg8



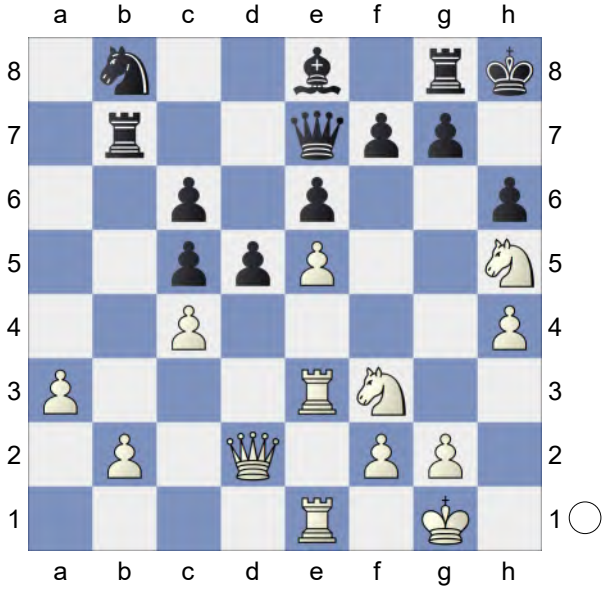
22.Bxe7! Qxe7 23.Qa5 Qb7 24.Qxa4 h6 25.Qa5 Rxd3 26.Qe1 Rb3 27.Qd2 Qa7 28.Rce1 1.18/21

[28.Rc3+- 1.78/22 Rb8 29.h5]

28...Qe7 1.90/23

[28...Nb8± 1.18/21]

29.Re3+- Rb7 30.Nh5 Nb8

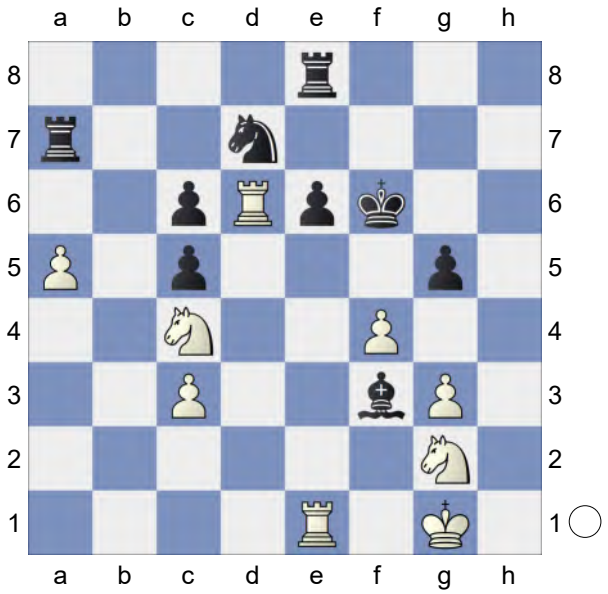


31.a4! Nd7 2.13/22

[31...Rb4 1.72/20 might work better.]

32.a5 Ra7 33.Ra3 Qd8 34.Nf4 Qb8 35.Qc1 Qa8 36.Qd2 -0.01/19

[36.Qc3+- 2.29/20]
This move loses the game for Black. **36...Qb8!= 37.Qc2 dxc4 38.g3**
[38.Qxc4 Qxb2 39.Rea1 Nxe5 40.Nxe5 Qxe5±]
38...Qb4 39.Qc3 White has strong compensation. **39...Kh7 40.Kg2 Kh8 41.Raa1 Qb3 42.Kg1 Qxc3 43.bxc3 g5** Black is weak on the dark squares **44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Ng2 Kh7 46.Nd2 Kg7 47.Nxc4 f6 48.exf6+ Kxf6 49.Rad1 Bh5 50.Rd6 Re8 51.f4**
[51.Rxc6 Bf3 52.Rd6 Re7+-]
51...Bf3



52.Rxd7 Decoy **52...Rxd7 53.Ne5** Dodges Rd3 **53...Ra7 54.fxg5+**
[54.Nxf3 gxf4 55.gxf4 *(55.Nxf4 Rxa5 56.Nh5+ Kg6+-)* 55...Rxa5+-]
54...Kxg5 aiming for ...Bxg2. **55.Nxf3+** Excellent horsemanship. **55...Kf6 56.g4 Rxa5 57.Kf2 Ke7 58.Nf4 c4 59.Kg3 Ra3 60.Re3**
[60.Nxe6 Kf6± *(60...Kd6? 61.Nfd4+-)*]
60...Ra1 61.g5 Rc1 62.Kg4 Kf7 63.Ne2 Rd1 64.Re4 Rf1 65.Rxc4 Rc8 66.Rf4+ Ke7 67.Re4 Re8 68.Nf4 Kd6 69.g6 Rc1 70.g7 Rxe6+! is the strong threat. **70...Rg8 71.Rxe6+**
[Not 71.Nxe6 Rxc3 72.Nfd4 Rc1 73.Nf5+ Kd7+-]
71...Kc7 72.Re7+ Kd6 73.Rf7
[73.Re6+ Kc5 74.Nd3+ Kd5 75.Re5+ *(75.Nf4+ Kc5+-)* 75...Kc4 76.Nxc1 Rxg7+ 77.Kf4 *(77.Rg5 Rxg5+ 78.Nxg5 Kxc3+-)* 77...Kxc3 78.Rc5+ Kb4 79.Nd3+ *(79.Rxc6 Rd7+-)* 79...Ka4]
73...Ra1 7.21/22
[⌓73...Rxc3 4.28/20 74.Nd2 Ke5 75.Nf3+ Kd6]
74.Nh5+- Ra2 75.Kg3 Raa8 76.Nf6 Rgb8 77.g8Q Rxg8+ 78.Nxg8 c5 79.Nf6 c4 80.Ne4+ 15.90/29
[⌓80.Kf4 #24/30 Ke6 81.Ng5+ Kd6 82.Nfe4+ Kc6 83.Nf3 Ra1 84.Ke5 Kb6 85.Nd6 Ra5+ 86.Ke6]
80...Kc6 81.Nd4+ Kb6 82.Kf4 Rh8 83.Ke5 Rh4 84.Ne6 Rh3 85.N4c5 Rd3 86.Rb7+ Kc6 87.Nd4+ Rxd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) **88.Kxd4 1-0**

56 **B31**
□ **Naiditsch,Arkadij** **2636**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
Masters Open 2024 (6.5) 09.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz

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3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 h6 White is slightly better. **10.a3** White has more active pieces. **10...Qe7 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 Qxb4 13.Bxa7 b6 14.Rab1 Qa5** The position is equal. **15.Ra1 Qb4 16.Rab1 Qa5 17.Ra1 Qb4 18.Rab1 Qa5 19.Ra1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) / Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

57 **B30**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**

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[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

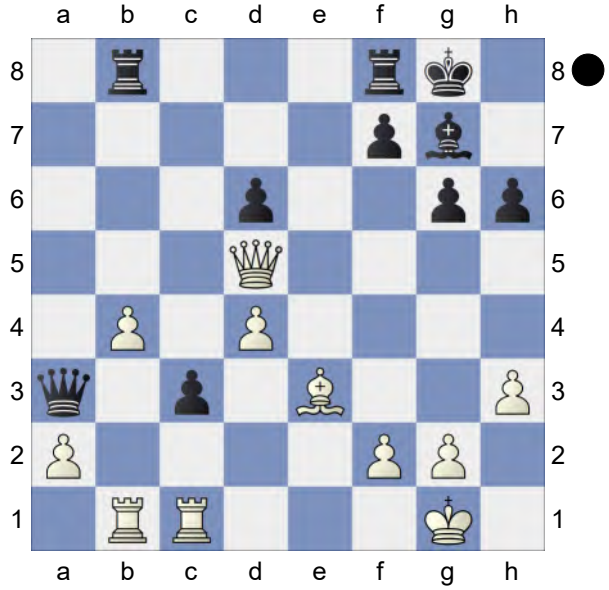
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...Nf6N

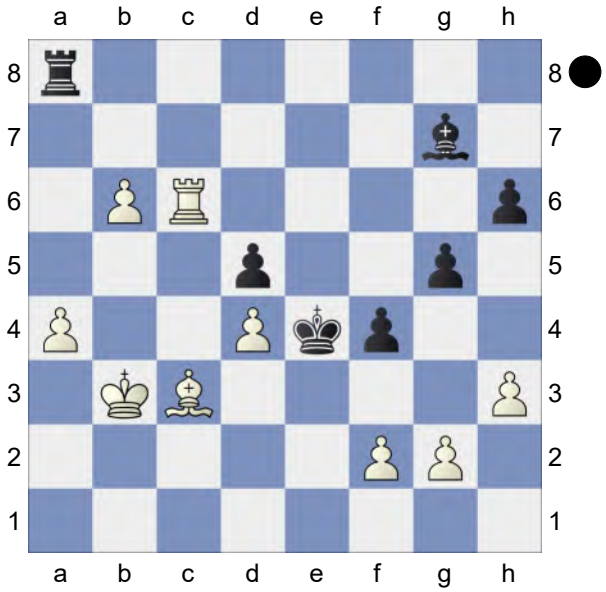
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 0-0 7.h3 d6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.e5 Nd5 10.exd6 exd6 11.Nxd5 The position is equal.

11...cxd5 12.d4 Bf5 13.c3 h6 14.Be3 c4 15.b3 Rb8 16.Nd2 Bd3 17.Qf3 Qa5 18.b4 Qa3 19.Rec1 a5 0.25/22
[19...Rb5 -0.12/25 feels stronger.]
20.Qxd5= axb4 21.cxb4
[21.Qxd6 Rfd8 22.Qc5 Rdc8∓ *(22...Bf8 23.Qc6∓)*]
21...c3 22.Nb1 Bxb1 1.13/24
[22...Qxb4± 0.51/23 23.Nxc3 Rfe8]
23.Raxb1±



This move loses the game for Black.
23...Rfc8? 2.73/25
[23...Rxb4± 1.01/21 24.Qxd6 Ra4 25.Qxa3 Rxa3]
24.Qb3+-
[24.Qxd6 Bf8 *(24...Qxa2 25.Ra1=; 24...c2? 25.Rxc2 Rd8 26.Qc7+-)* 25.Qf4 Rxb4 *(25...Qxa2 26.Ra1=)* 26.Rxb4 Qxb4=]
24...Ra8 3.52/22
[24...Qxb3 2.20/23 keeps fighting. 25.Rxb3 c2]
25.Rc2 Qxb3 26.Rxb3
[Weaker is 26.axb3 Rab8=]
26...d5? 5.42/24
[26...Rc4 3.19/22 27.Rcxc3 *(27.Rbxc3 Rxb4 28.Rd2 Rba4±)* 27...Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Rxa2]
27.a3 White is clearly winning. **27...Rc6** 6.34/22
[⌓27...Rc4 4.28/20 28.Rbxc3 Rxa3 29.Rxc4 dxc4 30.Rxc4 Rb3]
28.Rbxc3 Rca6 29.Rc8+ Rxc8 30.Rxc8+ Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up. **30...Kh7 31.Rc3 Bf8 32.Kf1 Kg7 33.Ke2 Kf6 34.Kd3 Ke6 35.Kc2 g5 36.Kb3 f5 37.a4 f4 38.b5 Ra8 39.Bd2 Bg7 40.Rc6+ Kf5 41.Bc3 Ke4 42.b6**



Strongly threatening a5. **42...Kd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.60 **43.a5**
1-0

58 **B30**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2733**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2778**
chess.com SpeedChess 2024 (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5

10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...d6

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.d3 Be7 11.Qg3 Rg8 White has an edge. **12.f4** 0.03/22

[12.Qe3± 0.43/21]

12...g5 13.fxg5 h6 14.Qh4 Nh7 15.Qxh6 Nxg5 16.Qh5 Prevents Nf3+

16...Ne5 17.Kh1? -3.42/21

[17.Nd2= 0.01/21 and White has nothing to worry.]

17...Qb6? 0.73/20

[17...Nxh3!-+ -3.42/21 18.gxh3 *(18.Qxh3 Bh4+-)* 18...Bh4]

18.Na3 0.32/18

[18.h4? 0-0-0 19.Qe2 *(19.Bxg5? Bxg5 20.b3 Bf4-+; 19.hxg5? Rh8-+* Pin *)* 19...Rh8∓]

[18.Qe2± 0.73/20]

18...0-0-0± 19.Qd1 Kb8 20.d4 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nc6 22.Be3 d5

[22...Qxb2? 23.Nc4 Qc3 24.Rc1 Nxe4 25.Rxc3+-]

23.exd5 exd5 24.Qb3 Qc7 Threatens to win with ...Ne4.

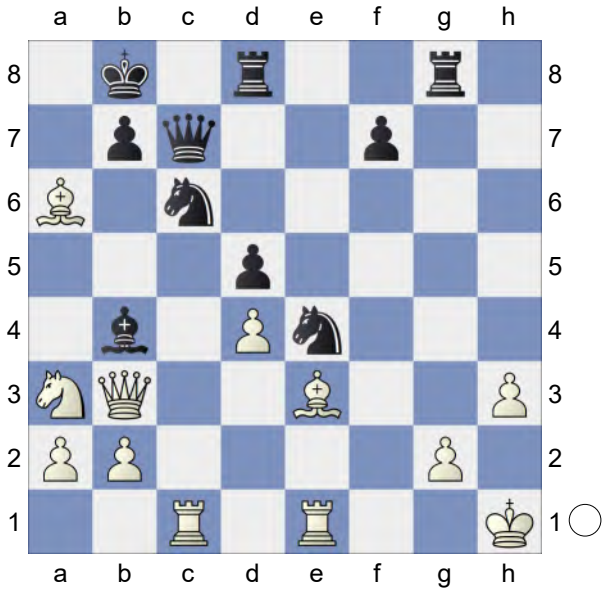
[24...Qxb3 simplifies 25.axb3 Ne4 26.Bf4+ Bd6]

25.Rac1!⇄ White has counterplay

[25.Bxa6 Na5 26.Qb5 Ne4∓]

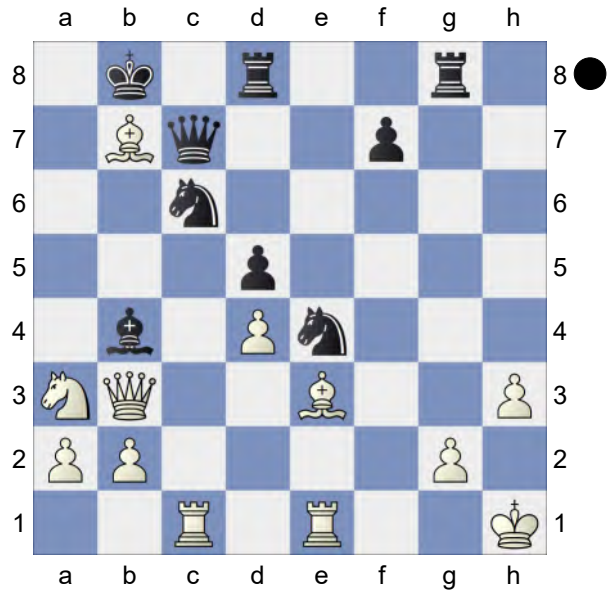
25...Ne4 26.Bxa6 Bb4? 4.46/23

[26...Rg6= -0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry.]

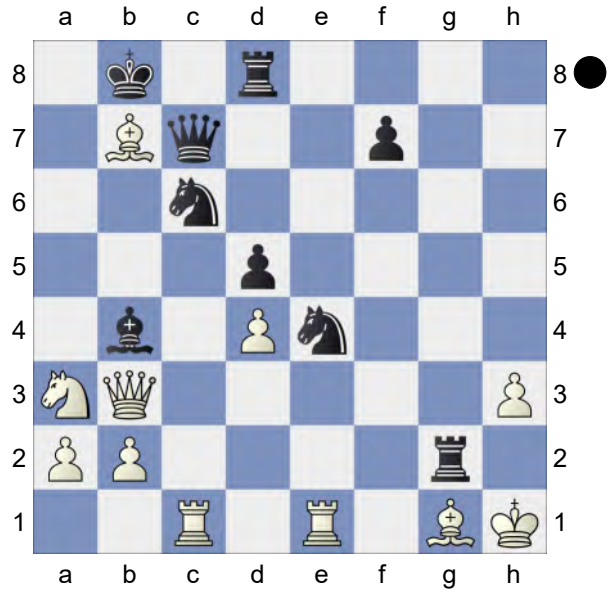


27.Bxb7?? -9.80/27

(Diagram)



Rxg2!!-+ Decoy **28.Bg1**



Wards off Qh2+ **28...Rdg8?** 0.01/20
29.Rxe4=
[29.Bxc6? Nf2+ 30.Bxf2 Rh2#]
[29.Rxc6? Rxg1+ 30.Rxg1 Nf2#]
29...R8g3? 9.36/23
[29...Kxb7= 0.01/20 30.Nb5 *(30.Qxd5 Rxg1+* Decoy *31.Rxg1 Rxg1+* Remove Defender *32.Kxg1 Qg3+ 33.Kh1 Qxh3+ 34.Kg1 Qg3+ 35.Kf1 Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Qg3+ 37.Kf1 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Qg3+=)* 30...Qg3 31.Qxg3 *(31.Qxd5? Rxg1+* Back Rank *32.Rxg1 Qxg1#)* 31...R8xg3]
30.Bxc6+-
[30.Nb5? Qd7 31.Rh4 *(31.Bxc6? Qxh3+)* 31...Kxb7-+ *(31...Rxg1+ 32.Rxg1 Rxb3 33.Bxc6-+)*]
30...Rxb3 31.Re8+
[31.Kxg2? Qg3+ *(31...Rxb2+ 32.Rc2∓)* 32.Kf1 Qxh3+ 33.Kf2 Qf3#]
31...Ka7 32.Nb5+
[32.Kxg2? leads to mate. Qg3+ *(32...Rxb2+ 33.Kf3=)* 33.Kf1 Qxh3+ 34.Kf2 Qf3#]
[Not 32.axb3 Rxg1+ 33.Kxg1 Qg3+ 34.Kf1 *(34.Kh1 Qxh3+ 35.Kg1 Qg3+ 36.Kf1 Qf4+ 37.Ke2 Qh2+ 38.Kf3 Qh5+ 39.Kf2 Qf5+ 40.Ke2 Qg4+ 41.Kf2 Qf5+ 42.Kg2 Qg4+ 43.Kf2 Qf5+=)* 34...Qd3+ *(34...Qxh3+ 35.Kf2=; 34...Qf4+ 35.Kg2=)* 35.Kg2 *(35.Kg1 Qg3+ 36.Kf1 Qxh3+ 37.Kf2 Qf5+ 38.Ke3 Bxa3=)* 35...Qd2+ *(35...Qxd4 36.Nb5+ Ka6 37.Ra8+)* 36.Kf3 Qxc1 37.Nb5+ Kb6 38.Rb8+ Ka5 39.Ra8+ Kb6 40.Rb8+ Ka5 41.Ra8+ Kb6 42.Rb8+=]
32...Kb6 33.Nxc7 Rgxb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/Black=1.68
34.Nxd5+
1-0

59 **B30**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2733**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2778**
chess.com SpeedChess 2024 (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...d6

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.d3 Be7 11.Nd2 0-0 White has an edge. **12.Qd1 d5 13.e5 Nd7 14.Nf3 d4 15.c4** -0.01/23

[15.Bd2± 0.37/19]

15...b5 16.b3 bxc4 17.bxc4 Rb8 18.g3 Qa5 19.h4 Rb7 0.62/22

[Black should try 19...Qc7= -0.01/20]

20.Bg2± Rfb8 0.84/23

[20...Rbb8± 0.41/22 might be stronger.]

21.Ng5 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 0.14/25

[22.Bxc6?! Bxc1 *(22...Rc7 23.Bxg5 Rxc6 24.h5=)* 23.Qxc1 *(23.Bxb7 Bb2=)* 23...Rc7=]

[Better is 22.hxg5± 0.83/25 Rc8 23.Re2]

22...Qc7=

[22...Ndxe5? 23.Bf4+-]

23.Bf4 Rb2 24.h5 -0.62/24

[24.Bc1= 0.01/22 R2b6 25.f4]

24...Ncxe5∓ Black is much more active.

25.h6 g6 Repels Qh5 **26.Qa4?** -2.92/23

[26.g4∓ -0.97/20]

26...Qd6? -0.92/23

[26...g5-+ -2.92/23 is more deadly. 27.Bxe5 Nxe5]

27.Re4 -2.01/23

[27.Rad1∓ -0.92/23]

27...f6!-+ 28.Rae1 Rb1 -1.22/26

[28...g5 29.Bc1 R8b4 30.Qd1±]

[28...Kf7-+ -1.82/24 29.Bc1 f5 30.Rxe5 Nxe5 31.Rxe5 R8b4 *(31...Qxe5? 32.Qd7+ Kg8 33.Bxb2+-)*]

29.Qc2 R1b2 0.01/20

[29...Qb6!∓ -1.33/24 30.Rf1 Kf7]

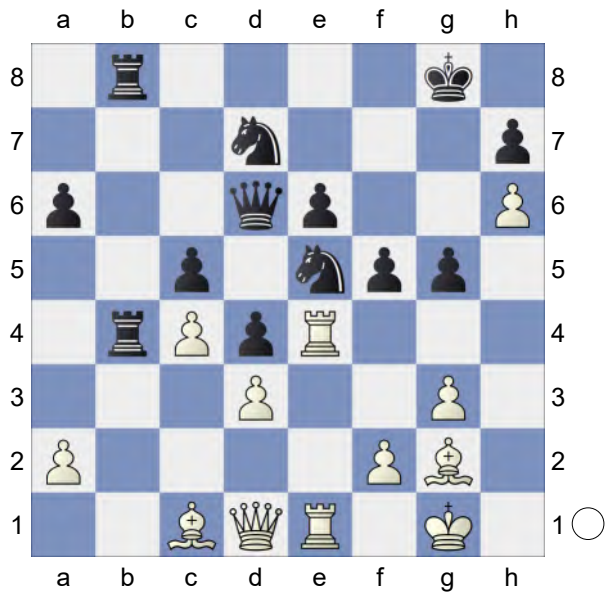
30.Qa4= g5 31.Bc1 R2b4 0.01/24

[31...Rb1∓ -1.53/25 White must now prevent ...g4!. 32.Rf1 f5 *(32...Nxd3 33.Rxe6 Qxe6 34.Bd5±* Pin *)*]

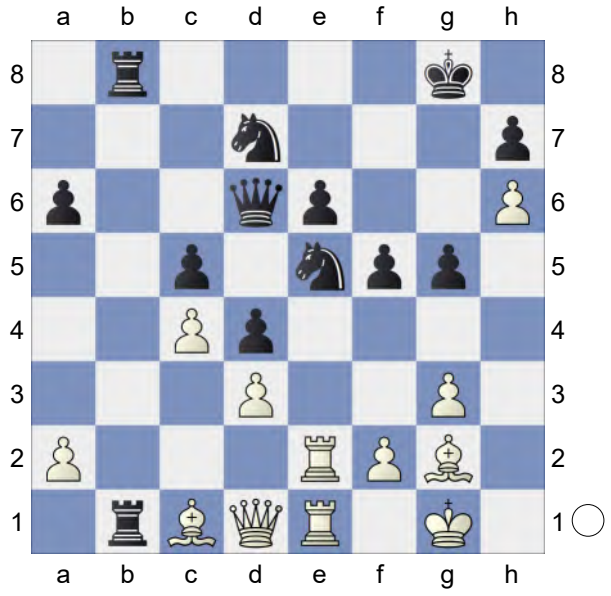
32.Qd1 And now f4 would win. **32...f5?** 2.87/24

[32...Rb1∓ -0.77/23 33.Qc2 *(33.f4 Rxc1* Decoy *34.Qxc1 Nxd3∓)* 33...Kf7]

(Diagram)



33.R4e2!+- Rb1



34.Qd2 Repels f4 **34...f4 35.gxf4 Ng6 36.Rxe6**
[36.fxg5 e5 37.Qc2 a5+-]
36...Qxf4 37.Bd5 2.22/26
[37.Rxa6 Qg4 38.Qd1 *(38.Qxg5? Qxg5 39.Bxg5 Rxe1+-+)* 38...Qxd1 39.Bd5+ *(39.Rxd1 Nf4+-)* 39...Kh8 40.Rxd1 Nf4+-]
[⌓37.Qxf4 4.03/24 Intending Re8+ and mate. gxf4 38.Be4 *(38.Rxa6 Nde5+-)*]
37...Kh8? 4.76/30
[37...Qg4+ 2.22/26 was necessary. 38.Kf1 Qh3+ 39.Bg2 Qxh6]
38.Re8+
[38.Rxa6 Qg4+ 39.Kf1 Nf4∓]
38...Rxe8 39.Rxe8+ Ndf8 40.Re1? -0.01/22
[40.Qxf4+- 4.50/28 gxf4 41.Re1]
40...Qg4+= 41.Kf1! Nf4 ...Qh3+ is in the air. Really sharp! **42.Re8 Qh3+ 43.Kg1! Qxh6**
[And not 43...Qxd3 44.Rxf8#]
44.Qd1 -11.26/25
[44.Qc2= 0.01/20 Rb6 45.Bxf4 gxf4 46.Kf1]
Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.42 **44...Qf6?** -0.10/27 Loss on time!?
[44...Nxd3-+ -11.26/25 45.Rxf8+ Qxf8 46.Qxd3 Rxc1+ 47.Kg2 Qh6 *(47...Qf4? 48.Qe2-+)*]
0-1

60 **B31**
□ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** **2588**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2783**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Mar Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3*

Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

4.Nc3 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.d3 0-0 7.Be3 d6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.h3 Rb8 10.b3!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **10...e5 11.Qd2 Nh5** Black is slightly better. **12.Bh6 f5N** -0.40/23

[12...Nf4 0.23/22 12...Rb7 -0.77 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Ne2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 f5 16.exf5 -0.14/22 *(16.Rad1± 0.33/20)* 16...gxf5= 17.Nd2 f4! 18.Qf3 -1.57/20 *(18.Kh2!= -0.15/21)* 18...d5? 0.37/20 ;0-1 Katopodis,D (1575)-Sidorov,A (1876) EU-ch U10 Prague 2012 (4) *(18...Kh8∓ -1.57/20 19.Qh5 Rb7)*]

[12...Rb7!∓ -0.82/23]

13.Bxg7∓ Kxg7

[13...Nxg7 simplifies 14.Qg5 f4 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Nb1 Ne6]

14.exf5 -0.89/21

[14.Qg5∓ -0.37/22]

14...gxf5∓ 15.Rae1 Rb7 16.Kh2 -1.28/22

[⌓16.Qg5+ -0.82/22 Qxg5 17.Nxg5]

16...h6 17.Ne2 Kh7 18.Rg1? -3.72/21

[18.Ng3∓ -0.89/21 Nf6 19.Rg1]

18...Rg7 -1.52/21

[18...e4!-+ -3.72/21 19.dxe4 fxe4]

19.g3? -3.67/22

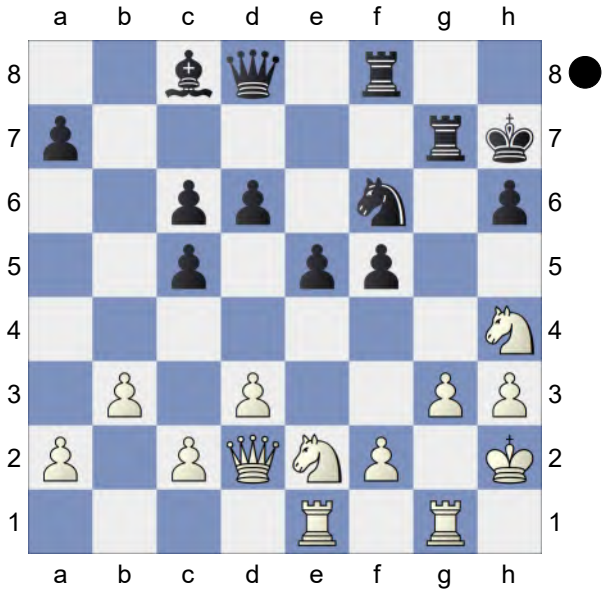
[19.Qe3∓ -1.52/21]

19...Nf6? -1.03/20

[19...e4!-+ -3.67/22 and Black stays clearly on top. 20.Nh4 f4 21.Nxf4 *(21.dxe4? fxg3+ 22.fxg3 Rf2+ 23.Rg2 Rxg3-+* Remove Defender*)* 21...Nxf4 22.dxe4 Nxh3 Discovered Attack]

20.Nh4? -4.63/20

[20.c3∓ -1.03/20 is tougher.]



20...f4!-+ 21.Rg2

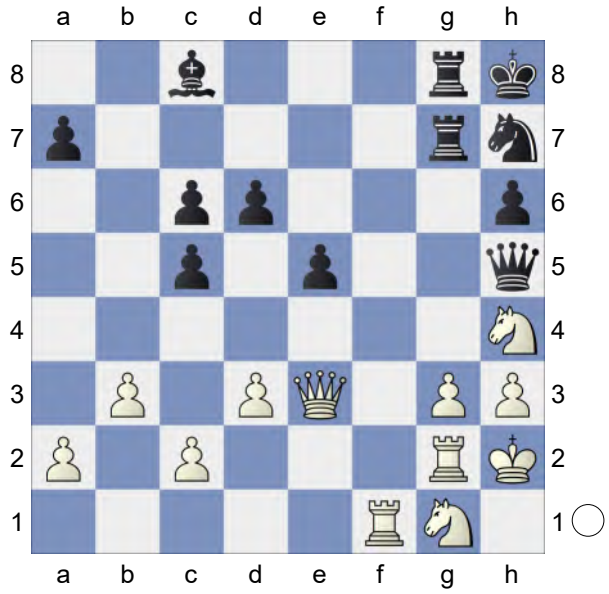
[21.gxf4 Ng4+ 22.Rxg4 Bxg4]

[21.Nc3 Qd7]

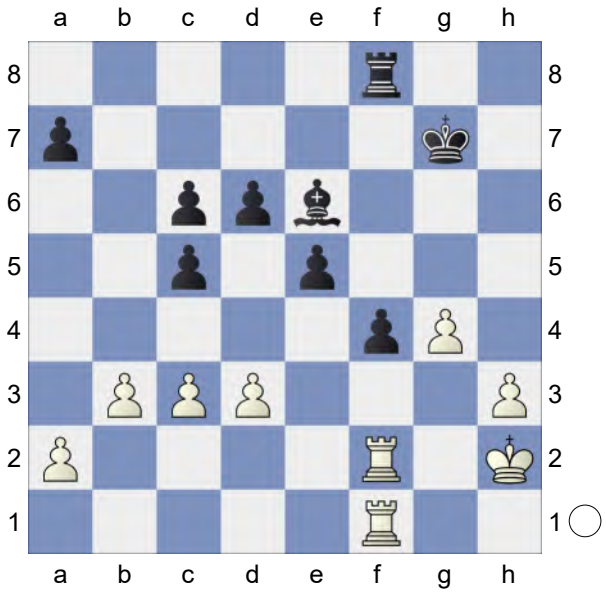
21...Qe8? 0.01/22

[21...Nh5-+ -4.48/23 22.Nc3 d5 *(22...Nxg3 23.fxg3 Rfg8 24.Ne4-+)* 23.Rxe5 fxg3+ *(23...Nxg3? 24.fxg3 fxg3+ 25.Rxg3-+)* 24.fxg3 Nxg3 25.Rxg3 Rxg3 *(25...Qxh4 26.Ree3∓)* 26.Kxg3 Rg8+ 27.Kh2 Qxh4]

22.Ng1 -0.40/21
[22.gxf4? Qh5 *(22...Rxg2+ 23.Nxg2 Bxh3 24.Ng3∓)* 23.Rxg7+ Kxg7 24.fxe5 dxe5-+]
[22.Nxf4!= 0.01/22 Qd7 23.Ne2]
22...Rfg8 -0.01/22
[22...Qe7∓ -0.40/21 was preferable.]
23.Qe2!= fxg3+ 24.fxg3 Kh8 0.53/22
[Better is 24...Nh5= -0.07/22]
25.Qe3 Qh5 Strongly threatening ... Bxh3!. **26.Rf1** -0.01/21
[26.Qd2± 0.57/22]
26...Nh7 1.39/23
[26...Nd5= -0.01/21 remains equal. 27.Qe4 Be6]



27.Ngf3!↑ Keeping Black busy. **27...Ng5**
28.Nxg5 hxg5 3.65/27
[28...Qxg5± 1.26/23 29.Qf3 Re8]
29.Nf5+- Rh7 30.g4
[30.Nxd6? Qxh3+ 31.Kg1 Qh1+ 32.Kf2 Rf8+-+]
30...Qg6 31.Qe4 Qe6 3.96/20
[31...Rf7 2.68/24 is a better defense. 32.Rgf2 *(32.Qxc6 Bxf5 33.Rxf5 Rxf5=)* 32...Rgf8]
32.Rgf2
[32.Qxc6 Rd8+-]
32...Rf7 33.Ng3? 1.67/22
[33.Qxc6 Rd8 34.Ng3 Rf4+-]
[33.Kg1 4.32/21]
33...Rf4 34.Qe3 1.04/22
[34.Qxc6+- 1.75/21 Ne4 would now be deadly. Qe7 35.Qg2 *(35.Ne4 Rd8±)*]
34...Rgf8 1.82/23
[34...Qh6± 1.04/22]
35.Nh5 Qg6 2.15/22
[⌓35...Qh6 1.78/21 36.Nxf4 gxf4]
36.Nxf4 gxf4 37.Qd2 Be6 38.c3 Qh6 39.Rg2 -0.39/23
[39.Kg1+- 1.64/22]
39...Qh4? 1.92/21
[39...Kg7!∓ -0.39/23 keeps the upper hand. 40.Rf3 Bd5]
40.Qf2? 0.28/25
[40.Qe1+- 1.92/21 Qh7 41.d4]
40...Qxf2 1.15/26
[40...Qh7= 0.28/25]
41.Rgxf2= Endgame KRR-KRB **41...Kg7**



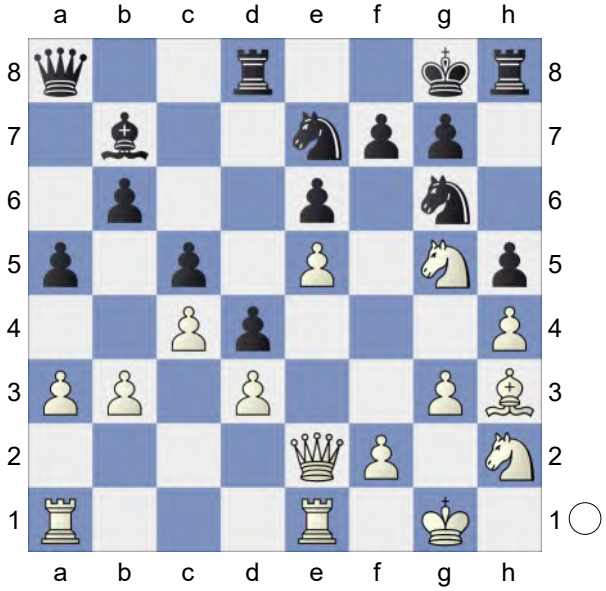
42.d4 0.88/25 **Kf6?** 5.49/23
[42...cxd4± 0.88/25 43.cxd4 Rh8]
43.dxe5++- dxe5 44.Rd2? 1.10/22
[44.c4+- 5.14/23]
44...Ke7? 6.96/22
[44...Rh8± 1.10/22]

45.Re1 White is clearly winning. **45...Kf6 46.Rde2 f3 47.Rxe5 f2 48.Rxe6+ Kf7 49.R6e2 fxe1Q 50.Rxe1** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **50...Rd8 51.Re2 Rd3 52.c4 a5 53.h4 a4 54.Rb2 a3 55.Re2 Rd1 56.Kg3 Rb1 57.Re5 Rb2 58.Rxc5 Rxa2 59.Ra5**
[59.Rxc6 Rb2±]
59...Ra1 60.Kf4 c5 61.Kg5
[61.Rxc5 Rf1+ 62.Ke5 a2 63.Rc7+ Kg8∓]
61...a2 62.h5
[62.Rxc5? loses. Re1 63.Ra5 Re5+ *(63...a1B 64.Rf5+ Ke8 65.h5±; 63...a1Q? 64.Rxa1 Rxa1 65.Kf4-+; 63...a1R? 64.Rb5-+)* 64.Rxe5 a1Q 65.Rf5+ Kg7-+]
62...Ke6 63.h6
[63.Rxc5 Re1 64.Rc6+ Ke7-+ *(64...Kd7 65.Ra6±)*]
63...Ke5 64.h7
[64.Rxc5+ Kd4 65.Ra5 Kc3]
64...Rh1 65.Kg6
[Weaker is 65.Rxa2 Rxh7 66.Kg6 Rb7±]
65...Kd4 Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=0.90 **66.Rxa2**
1-0

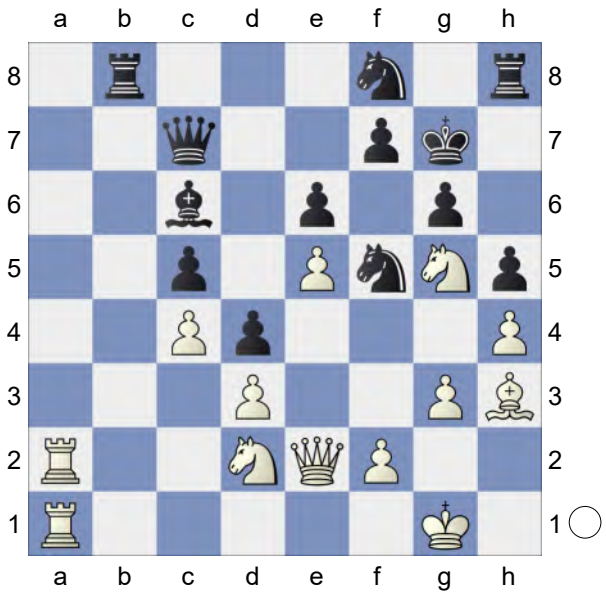
61 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Banusz,T.** **2592**
Titled Tue 29th Apr Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 d5 8.d3 White is slightly better. **8...Bb7 9.e5 d4 10.g3 Ng6 11.Qe2 Qd5** White must now prevent ...Ncxe5!. **12.c4 Qd7 13.h4 h5 14.Bg2** 0.01/20
[14.Bg5!± 0.52/24]
14...Rd8 0.66/21
[14...Be7= 0.01/20]
15.Nbd2 0.17/20
[15.Bg5± 0.66/21]
15...Be7 0.58/20
[15...Qc7= 0.17/20]
16.a3 0.10/21
[16.Ne4± 0.58/20]
16...a5 17.b3 0.01/21
[17.Ne4!± 0.40/20]

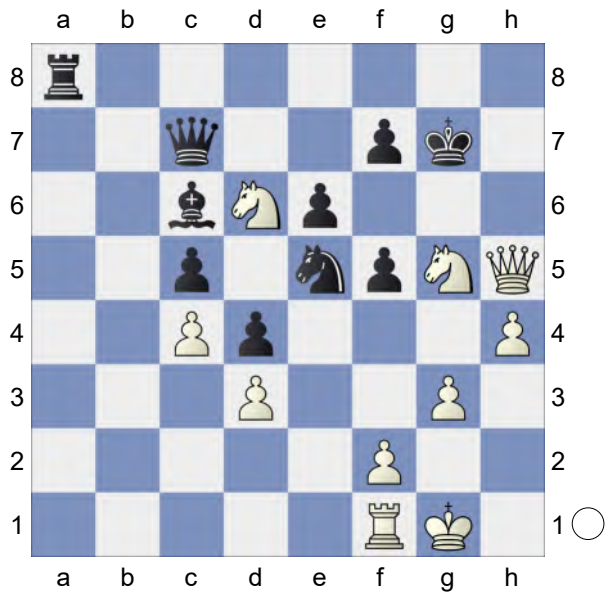
17...Qc7 18.Nf1 Qb8 0.46/20
[18...Bc8= 0.01/21]
19.N1h2± Qa8 20.Bh3 Kf8 21.Rb1 0.01/22
[21.Bg5!± 0.38/23 deserves consideration.]
21...Kg8 22.Bd2 Rd7 23.Ra1 Rd8 24.Reb1 next b4! is good for White.
24...Qb8 25.Re1 Qa8 26.Bg5 Bxg5 0.57/21
[26...Re8= 0.21/21]
27.Nxg5 Nce7? 2.09/21
[Black should play 27...Rh6± 0.49/21]



28.b4!+- axb4? 4.05/21
[28...Nf8 2.00/22 29.Reb1 Nd7]
[28...Bc6 29.Nf1]
29.axb4 Qb8 30.bxc5 bxc5 31.Rab1 Qc8 32.Rb6 Nf8 33.Nhf3 Qc7 5.54/23
[33...Bc6 3.50/19 34.Ra1 Rd7]
34.Reb1 Bc6 35.R6b2 2.46/20
[⌓35.Nxf7 5.33/23 Kxf7 36.Ng5+ Overworked Piece Kg6 37.Ra6 *(37.Bxe6 Nxe6+-)*]
35...g6? 4.28/23
[35...Neg6 2.46/20 36.Rb6 Rc8]
36.Nd2 Kg7 37.Ra2? 1.00/22
[37.Nde4+- 4.41/23 has better winning chances.]
37...Nf5 1.91/25
[37...Rb8± 1.00/22 might work better.]
38.Rba1 Rb8



39.Ra7? 0.97/21
[39.Nde4!+- 2.50/22]
39...Rb7± 40.R7a6 0.69/25 White is more active.
[40.Ra8± 1.17/27]
40...Rb6 1.24/25
[40...Nd7± 0.69/25]
41.Rxb6 Qxb6 42.Nde4 0.73/24
[Better is 42.Rb1 1.40/26 Qa7 43.Nde4]
42...Nd7 5.31/24
[42...Bxe4± 0.73/24 43.Qxe4 Nd7]
43.Bxf5+- White is clearly winning.
43...gxf5 7.62/24
[⌓43...exf5 4.92/21 44.Nd6 Ra8]
44.Nd6 Ra8 45.Rf1
[Not 45.Rxa8 Bxa8 46.f3 *(46.Ndxf7 Qb1+ 47.Qf1 Qb2+-)* 46...Qb1+ 47.Kg2 Nf8 48.Ndxf7 *(48.Ngxf7 Kg8±)* 48...Kg8 49.Nh6+ Kg7+-]
45...Qc7 46.Qxh5 Intending Qh7+ and mate. **46...Nxe5**
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.87 **47.Ndxf7!**
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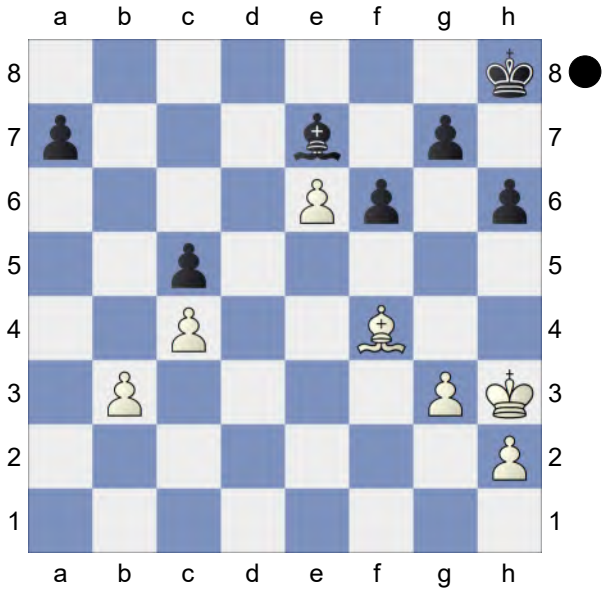
62 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2831**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**
CCT Final RR 2024 rapid (7.1) 19.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6N bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0** 1 **Nh6 7.c3** '!?' A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **7...Nf7 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4** The position is equal. **9...c5** 'N'

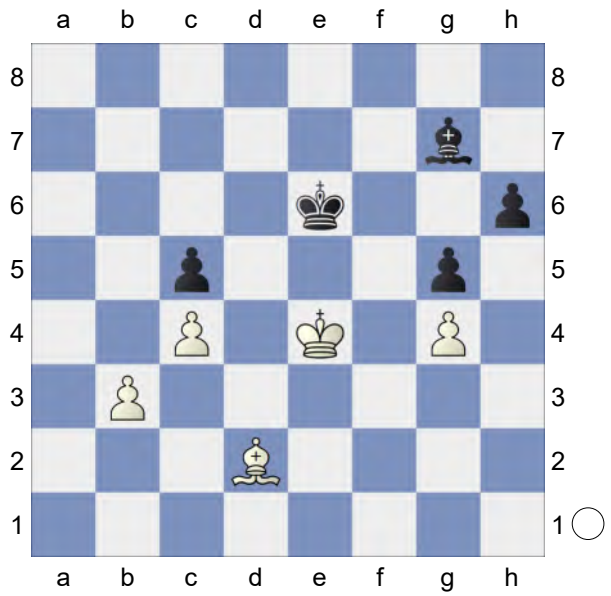
[9...Be7 10.Ba3 Bxa3 11.Nxa3 0-0 12.Re1 d5 13.e5 fxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Rxe5 Qd6 ½-½ Van Oosterom,J (2776)-Samraoui,M (2454) Mostert Memorial tt email 2006]

10.d5 Bd6 11.Na3 Ba6 Wards off Nb5 **12.Nc4 Bxc4 13.bxc4 0-0 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Be3 Rab8 16.Qd3 Rxb1** 0.52/20 **17.Rxb1± Rb8 18.Rb3** 0.09/20 **Rb6 19.g3 Ne5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Kg2 Rxb3 22.axb3=** Endgame. KQB-KQB Endgame. KQB-KQB **22...h6 23.f4 Bd6 24.dxe6 dxe6 25.f5 exf5 26.Qd5+ Kh8 27.exf5 Bf8 28.Kh3 Qe7 29.Bf4 Qe2 30.Qe6** Active counter play! Active counter play! **30...Qh5+** 0 **31.Kg2 Qd1 32.Qf7 Qe2+ 33.Kh3 Be7** 1 **34.Qe6 Qxe6 35.fxe6**



aiming for Kg4. KB-KB **35...Kh7 36.g4** 1 **g5 37.Bb8 Kg6 38.Kg2 f5 39.h3** 1 **fxg4 40.hxg4 Kf6** Against Be5+ Against Be5+ **41.Bxa7** 1 **Kxe6 42.Kf3 Ke5 43.Ke3 Bd6** 1 **44.Bb6 Ke6 45.Ke4 Be7 46.Ba5 Bf6 47.Bd2** 1 **Bg7?** 2.56/36

(Diagram)



This move loses the game for Black. **48.b4!+- cxb4 49.Bxb4 Be5?** 7.99/25 **50.Bf8** White is clearly winning. **50...Bf4 51.Bxh6** 1 **Kd6 52.Bf8+** 5.91/26 **Kc6 53.Kf5 Be3 54.Be7 Bd2 55.Bxg5 Bb4 56.Be3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
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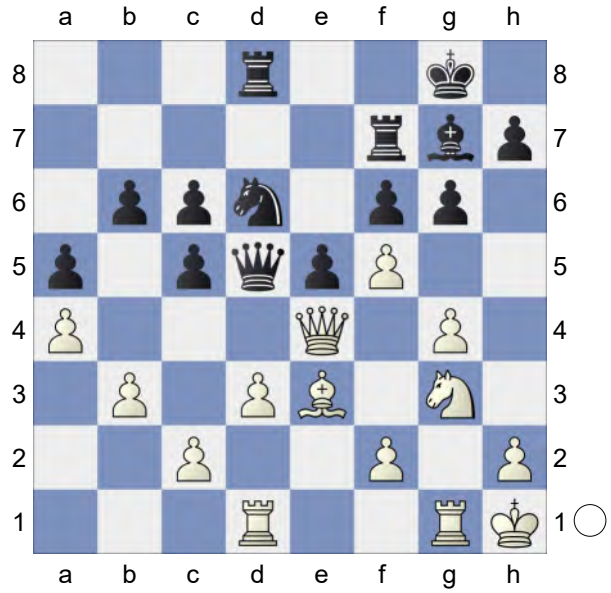
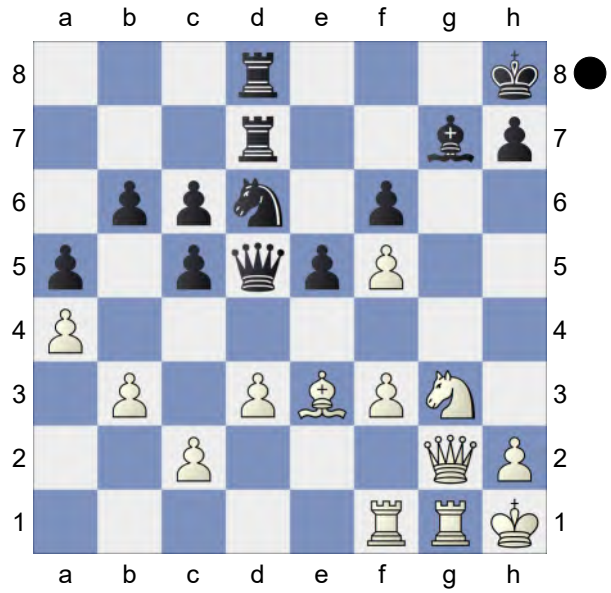
63 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
Titled Tue 3. Sep Late (8) 03.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.b3 Be7 8.Nc4 White is slightly better. **8...Nd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bb2 f6 11.Nh4 Rf7 12.Nf5 Nf8 13.Nce3**
[13.Qg4 feels hotter. Kh8 14.f4 b5 15.Nce3]
13...Bxf5 1.02/24
[13...Ne6± 0.35/19]
14.exf5 Rd8 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.a4 Nb6 17.Nc4 Nd5 18.Nd2 Bf8 0.89/21
[18...Qd7± 0.43/21]
19.Ne4± a5 1.04/22
[19...g6± 0.66/20]
20.Bc1 Nb4 21.Qe2 b6 22.Be3 Qd7 23.g4 Nd5 24.Qf3 g6 1.42/22
[⌓24...Bd6 1.01/19]
25.Kh1 Bg7 26.Rg1 Ne7 27.Ng3 White is more active. **27...Qd5 28.Qe4**

Nc8 29.Rad1 0.91/22
[⌓29.Rae1 1.35/19]
29...Nd6



Pin **30.Qg2 Rfd7** 1.78/21
[30...Qxg2+± 0.99/20 31.Kxg2 Kf8]
31.f3+- gxf5 32.gxf5 Kh8 33.Rdf1

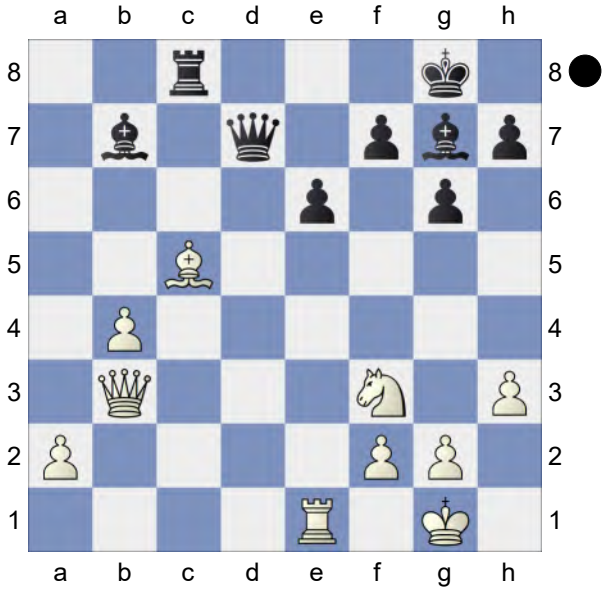


Rg8 34.Qh3 Bf8 35.Nh5 Rxg1+ 36.Rxg1 Ne8 37.Qg4 Qf7 38.Ng3 Qg8 39.Nh5? -0.01/20
[39.Qe4+- 1.74/23]
39...Qf7!= 40.Ng3? -0.01/23
[40.Qh4+- 1.91/21]
40...Qg8 41.Qh3 Qf7 42.Ne4→
White attacks with force. **42...Nd6 43.Qg4** and Nxf6! should not be overlooked **43...Nxe4 44.dxe4** 0.01/24
[44.fxe4 b5±]
[44.Qxe4± 1.45/23 Qd5 45.Kg2]
44...Rd8 0.71/23
[44...b5!= 0.01/24]
45.h4 0.01/24
[White should play 45.Ra1± 0.71/23]
45...Bg7 0.71/22
[45...b5!= 0.01/24]
46.h5 0.15/22
[46.Qg2± 0.71/22]
Black is on the road to losing. **46...Rg8?** 3.29/24
[46...Qf8!= 0.15/22 and Black stays safe.]
47.f4+- Bh6? 6.79/30
[47...exf4 2.99/24 48.Bxf4 h6]
48.Qxg8+ Qxg8 49.Rxg8+ Kxg8 Endgame KB-KB **50.Kg2 exf4 51.Bg1 Kf7** 6.60/27
[⌓51...Bf8 4.52/25 52.Kf3 Bd6]
52.Kf3 Ke7 53.Bh2? 0.01/27
[53.Bf2+- 5.61/25 Kf7 54.Be1]
53...Kd7? 6.97/29
[53...Kd6= 0.01/27]
54.Bxf4 Bg7 55.Bg3 h6 56.Bf4 Bh8 57.Bxh6 Ke7 58.Bf4 Kd7 Repels Bc7 **59.h6 b5 60.c4 b4 61.Kg4** Threatening mate with Kh5. **61...Kd8 62.Kh5 Ke7 63.Kg6 Kf8 64.Bd6+ Ke8 65.h7 Kd7 66.Bf8 Ke8 67.Bg7 Ke7 68.Bxh8 Kd7 69.Bxf6 Kc7 70.h8Q** 35.95/5
[⌓70.e5 #7/16 Kc8 71.h8Q+ *(71.h8R+ Kc7 72.e6 Kb7 73.e7 Ka7 74.e8Q Kb7 75.Rh7+ Kb6 76.Bd8+* Deflection *Ka6 77.Qxc6#)* 71...Kb7 72.e6 Kb6 73.Qb8+ *(73.e7 Kc7 74.e8Q Kb6 75.Qb8+ Ka6 76.Qhc8#)* 73...Ka6 74.Qa8+ Kb6 75.Bd8#]

70...Kd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.73 **71.Qd8#**
1-0

64 **B31**
□ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2667**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2698**
ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (4.7) 15.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.d3 0-0 11.Nbd2 a5 12.Nc4 b5 13.Nd6 Ba6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rc1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd6 0-1 Mahalakshmi,M (2210)-Klepikov,N (2063) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (3)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2))
11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer, A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Qc7! is now more promising than 6...Nh6. im Vergleich zu 6...Sh6 vielversprechender.
7.c3 d6 8.h3 Nf6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0 11.Nc3 c5 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Rd8 14.Qc2 Nd5N
[14...Bf5 15.Qa4 Nd5 16.Nxd5 Rxd5 17.Bf4 Hoping for e6!. Qb7 18.Qb3 Qc6 19.Rac1 a5 0.21/22 *(⌓19...Rc8* -0.15/20 *)* 20.Rc3 *(20.Be3!?)* 20...a4 1-0 Zierk,S (2499)-Paravyan,D (2653) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Apr blitz 2020 (6)]
15.Nxd5 Rxd5 16.Be3 Bb7 17.b4 Qc6 18.Rac1 Rc8 19.Bxc5
[19.bxc5 Rxe5 *(19...Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Rxe5 21.f3±)* 20.Red1 Rf5=]
19...Rxe5! 20.Qb3 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 e6 22.Bxa7 Qd7 23.Bc5



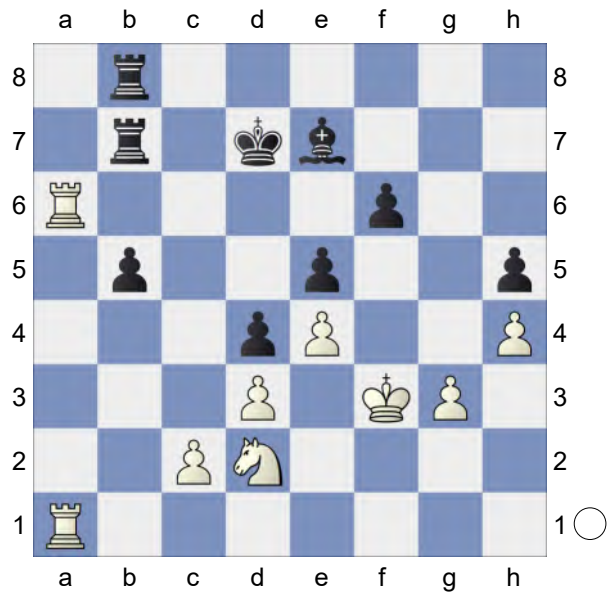
Ra8 **24.a3** **Bd5** A strong pair of Bishops. **25.Qd3 Qa4 26.Rb1**
[26.Ne5 looks sharper. Qxa3 27.Qd2 Qa1 28.Bd4]
26...h6 27.Nd4
[Don't blunder 27.b5? Be4 28.Qf1

Bxb1 29.Qxb1 Ra5-+]
27...Qxa3 28.Qxa3 Rxa3 29.Nc2 Rc3 30.Ne3 Bc6 31.Rd1 Ba4 32.Rd8+ Kh7 33.f4 Bf6 -0.01/23
[33...h5∓ -0.43/21 is superior.]
34.Ra8= Bc6 35.Rf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **35...Kg7**
½-½

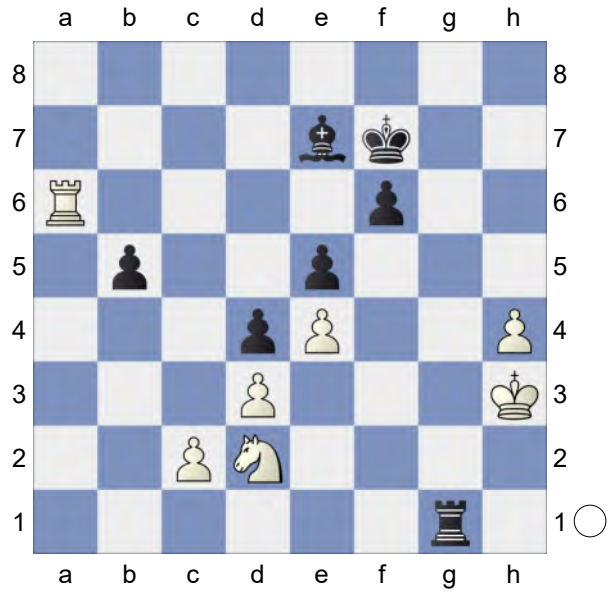
65 **B30**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2734**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2805**
Titled Tue 14th May Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.Nc4 Be6 8.b3 White has an edge.
[Of course not 8.Ncxe5 Bd6∓]
[8.Nfxe5? too greedy. b5 9.Bf4 bxc4-+]
8...Nd7 9.Ng5 Bxc4 10.bxc4 Be7 0.59/22
[10...h6= 0.08/21 11.Nf3 Be7]
11.Qg4 Nf8 12.Nf3 g6 13.a4 f6 14.Rb1 h5 15.Qh3 Rd8 16.0-0 g5 1.14/23 Repels Nh4
[⌓16...h4 0.75/21]
17.Qf5± Qd7 18.h4 White is more active. **18...g4 19.Nd2 Kf7 20.Qxd7** 0.58/24
[20.Bb2± 1.19/23]
20...Rxd7± 21.Bb2 Ne6 22.a5 Rb8 23.Bc3 Bd8 0.52/23
[23...b5= 0.14/24]
24.Rb2 b5 ...b4 would now be deadly. **25.axb6 axb6 26.Ra1 Rdb7 27.Rba2 b5 28.g3 Ke7 29.Kg2 Kd7 30.f3 gxf3+! 31.Kxf3 Be7 32.Ra6 Nd4+ 33.Bxd4 cxd4 34.cxb5** 0.65/24
[34.g4± 1.35/24]
34...cxb5

(Diagram)



35.Ra7 0.01/24
[35.Nf1!± 0.92/25]
35...Rxa7= **36.Rxa7+** Endgame KRB-KRN **36...Ke6** **37.g4** **hxg4+** **38.Kxg4** **Rg8+** **39.Kh3** **Rg1** Inhibits Nf1. **40.Ra6+** **Kf7**

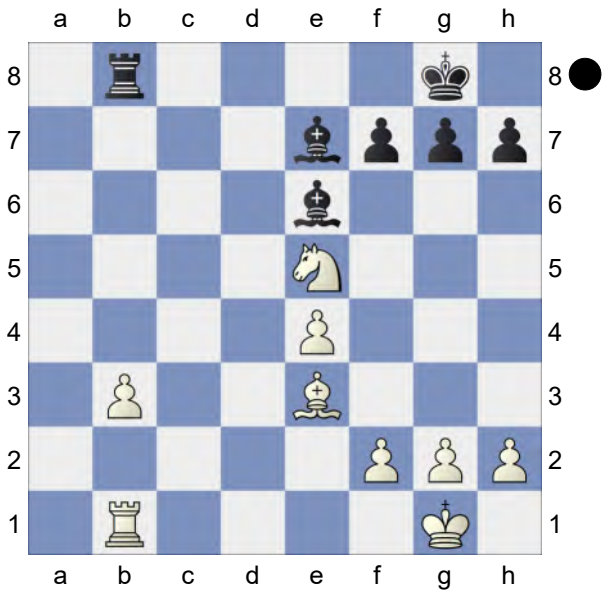


41.Rc6 0.01/25
[41.Nf3!± 1.14/25 Rc1 42.Ra7]
41...Rh1+ The position is equal. **42.Kg4** Black must now prevent Nf3. **42...Rg1+** **43.Kf5** **Rg2** **44.Nf3** **Rg3** **45.Nd2** **Rg2** **46.Nf3** **Rg3** **47.Nd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) / Black=0.11 (very precise) **47...Rg2**
½-½

66 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
Titled Tue 13th May Late blitz (6) 13.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

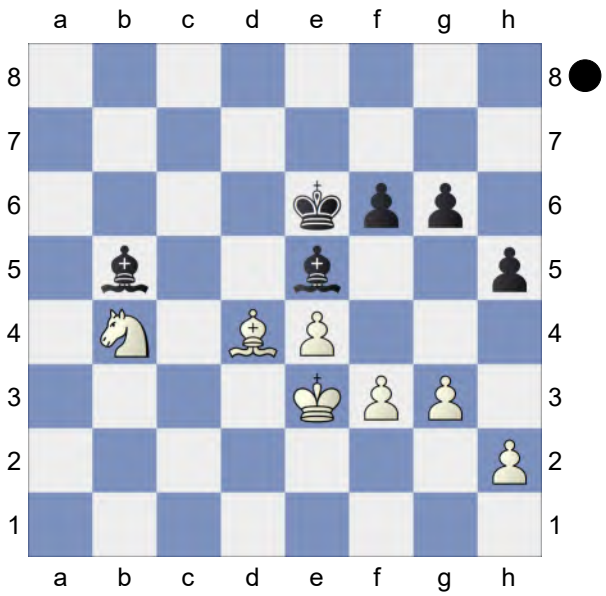
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 **c5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 **4.Bxc6N**
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11.

♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.0-0 Ne7 6.d3 Ng6 7.Re1 e5 0.23/22
[⌓7...d5 -0.16/20]
8.c3= d6 9.d4 Qc7 10.Be3 Be7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Qa4 -0.11/24
[12.dxe5 0.30/20 is superior. d5 13.h3]
12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bd7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qc2 Be6 17.b3 a5 18.Qxc6 Qxc6 19.Rxc6 a4 20.Nc4 axb3 21.axb3
[21.Nfxe5? too greedy. bxa2 *(21...Nxe5? 22.Nxe5 bxa2 23.Bd4-+)* 22.Bd4 Bf6-+]
21...Rab8 22.Rb1 Rb5 23.Rb6 Rb8 24.Rxb8+ Rxb8 25.Ncxe5 Nxe5 26.Nxe5



Rxb3 27.Rxb3 The position is equal. **27...Bxb3** Endgame KBB-KBN. White is a pawn up. **28.f3 Bd6 29.Nc6 Ba4 30.Nd4 Be5 31.Nf5 f6 32.Kf2 Kf7 33.g3 h5 34.Bc5 g6 35.Ne3 Bb5 36.Nd5 Bc6 37.Ke3 Ke6 38.Nb4 Bb5 39.Bd4**

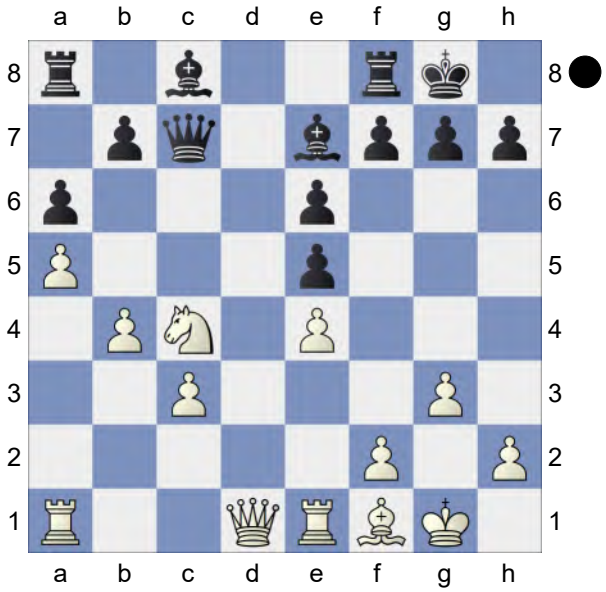
(Diagram)



Bd6 40.Nd5 f5 41.Nc3 Bc6 42.Ne2 fxe4 43.fxe4 h4 44.Kf3 hxg3 45.hxg3 Bb5 46.Ng1 Bc6 47.Nh3 Be7 48.Nf4+ Kf7 49.Nd3 and Ne5+ should not be overlooked **49...Bd6 50.g4 Bb5 51.Nf2 Bc6 52.Nh3 Be7 53.Kf4 Bd6+ 54.Be5 Be7 55.Nf2 Ke6** Strongly threatening ... g5+. **56.Bd4 Bb5 57.Kf3 Kf7 58.Nh3 Bc6 59.Nf4 Bd6 60.Ne2 Ke6 61.Bc3 Bb7 62.Nd4+ Kf7 63.Nb5 Bb8 64.Ke3 Bc6 65.Nd4 Ba7 66.Kf4 Bxd4 67.Bxd4** KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **67...Bd7 68.g5 Ke6 69.Bf6 Bc6 70.e5 Bb7 71.Ke3 Bc6 72.Kd4 Bf3 73.Kc5 Bg4 74.Kb6 Bf5 75.Kc7** An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless) **75...Bb1**
½-½

67 **B30**
□ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR.** **2749**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2577**
Titled Tue 22nd Apr Early blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4 Repels Bc5 **9...Bd6 10.a4** White is slightly better. **10...0-0! 11.Na3** -0.01/22
[11.Ba3± 0.41/20]
11...Qc7 0.71/20
[11...f5!= -0.01/22 keeps the balance.]
12.g3± dxc3 13.dxc3 Be7 1.16/23
[13...Be5± 0.65/22]
14.Bf4 0.58/24
[14.Be3± 1.16/23]
14...d6!± 15.Nc4 White is more active.
15...Ne5 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.a5



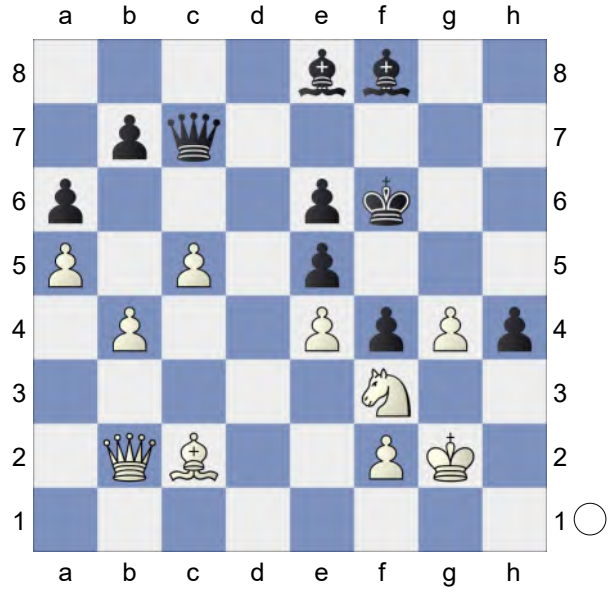
Bd7 18.Nb6 Rad8 19.Qb3 Bc6 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Qxd1 Rd8 22.Qc2 h5 23.h4 g6 24.Be2 Kg7 25.Rd1 f5 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Bd3 f4 28.Nc4 Qc7 29.Nd2 g5 30.hxg5 Bxg5 31.Nf3 Bh6 32.Kg2 Kf6 33.c4 Be8 34.Qb2
[34.Qc1 Ke7 35.Qg1 fxg3 36.fxg3 Qd6 37.Qb1]
34...Qd6 35.Qc3 Qc7 36.Qb2 -0.01/22
[36.Qa3± 0.73/21]
36...Qd6!= And now ...fxg3 would win.
37.Bc2
[37.Be2 simplifies fxg3 38.fxg3 Ke7 39.c5]
37...h4? 4.02/23 **38.g4+-**
[38.Nxh4 fxg3 39.Nf3 gxf2∓]
[38.gxh4 Bh5±]
38...Bf8 5.61/24

[⌓38...Qc7 3.78/20 39.Qb3 *(39.Nxh4 Qxc4 40.Nf3 Bb5±)* 39...Bg7 40.Nxh4 Bf8]

39.c5

[39.Nxh4 Qd4 40.Qxd4 *(40.g5+ Kf7+-)* 40...exd4±]

39...Qc7



40.Nxe5! Bg7 41.Nf3+ Kf7 42.Qc1 Bc6 43.Qh1 Qd8 44.Qxh4 0.36/21

[44.g5+- 4.86/20]

44...Qxh4± 45.Nxh4+- Endgame KBB-KBN. White is two pawns up. **45...Bc3 46.Nf3 Kf6 47.g5+ Kg7 48.Kh3 Bxb4 49.Ne5 Bb5 50.Bb3 Bxa5** This pair of bishops is nice. **51.Bxe6 Bc3** 1.51/23

[51...Be2!= 0.21/24]

52.Ng4? -0.01/25

[White should try 52.Nc4± 1.51/23]

52...a5= 53.Nh6 a4 54.Nf5+ Kg6 55.Kg4 aiming for Nd6!. **55...a3 56.Nh4+ Kg7 57.Nf5+ Kg6 58.Ne7+ Kg7 59.Nf5+** -0.01/25

[59.Kxf4± 0.52/27 Be8 60.Nf5+ Kg6 61.Ne7+ Kg7]

Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise) **59...Kg6**

½-½

68 **B30**

□ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2628**

■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2798**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (3.1) 13.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

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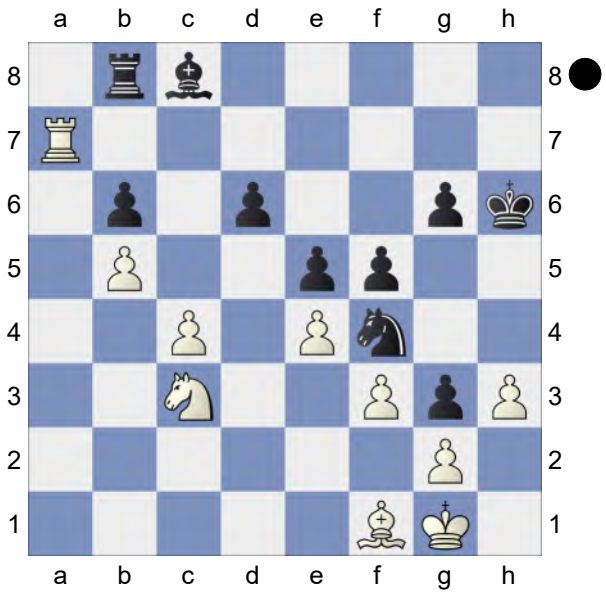
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

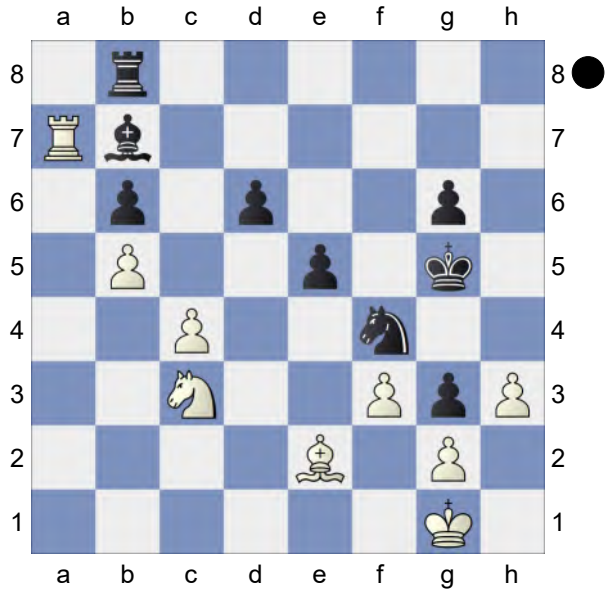
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4 Prevents Bc5. 9.b4 is better than 9.d3. 9.b4 ist besser als 9.d3. **9...Bd6 10.Bb2** White is slightly better.

10...dxc3 11.dxc3 Qc7 12.h3 0-0 13.Nd2 b6N
[Vorgänger: 13...Rd8 14.a3 b6 15.Nf3 a5 16.Rb1 h6 17.Bc1 Bb7 18.Be3 Threatens to win with bxa5. Bf4 19.Qd2 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 ½-½ Brudnak,J (2369)-Kurylo,R (2421) VW-Cup13 Gr18 email 2021]
14.a3 Bb7 15.c4 Bh2+ 16.Kh1 Be5 17.Qb3 Bxb2 18.Qxb2 a5 19.Kg1 axb4 20.axb4 Ne5 21.Qd4 h6 22.Rec1 Nc6 23.Qc3 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Rc8 25.Qb2 d6 26.Nf3 Nd8 27.Nd2 e5 28.Be2 Rb8 29.Ra3 Ne6 30.Bf1 Nd4 31.f3 Bc8 32.Nb3 Nc6 33.Na1 Be6 34.Nc2 Prevents Nd4. **34...h5 35.Kh1 h4 36.Qc3 Ne7 37.Ne3 Ng6 38.Qa1 Qd8 39.Qe1 Nf4 40.Qf2 Qg5 41.Ra1 Nh5 42.Bd3 g6 43.Kh2** -1.51/26
[43.Qd2∓ -0.48/23]
43...Kg7 -0.57/23
[43...Qg3+∓ -1.51/26 44.Qxg3 hxg3+ 45.Kg1 Nf4]
44.Bf1 -1.53/23
[44.Ra3∓ -0.57/23]
44...Rc8 -0.30/25
[44...Qg3+!∓ -1.53/23 45.Qxg3 hxg3+ 46.Kg1 Kh6]
45.b5 -0.90/24
[45.Qd2= -0.30/25]
45...Qd8 -0.30/23
[45...Qg3+!∓ -0.90/24 46.Qxg3 hxg3+ 47.Kg1 Kh6]
46.Kg1 Nf4 47.Ra7 Rb8 48.Kh2 Nh5 49.Bd3 Qg5 50.Bf1 -0.97/24
[50.Ra3∓ -0.32/23]
50...Qg3+!∓ 51.Kg1 Nf4!
[51...Bxh3? 52.Qxg3 Nxg3 53.gxh3+-]
52.Qxg3 hxg3 53.Nd1 -1.67/27
[53.Ng4∓ -1.08/25 was necessary.]
53...Rc8 54.Nb2 Rb8? 0.01/22
[54...Kh6-+ -1.70/28 White must now prevent ...d5!. 55.Ra6 *(55.Rb7? Ra8-+)* 55...Rb8]
55.Na4 -1.22/27
[55.Nd1!= 0.01/22]
55...Bc8! 56.Nc3 -1.06/27
[56.h4∓ -0.60/26 is superior.]
56...Kf6 57.Na4 -1.61/27
[57.Ra2∓ -0.81/25]
57...Kg7? 0.01/25
[57...Ne6!-+ -1.61/27]
58.Nc3!= Be6 0.01/36
[Black should try 58...Kh6!∓ -1.05/27]
59.Na4 Kh6 60.Ra6 Bc8! 61.Ra7? -1.73/25
[61.Rxb6= 0.09/26 and White has nothing to worry. Ra8 62.Nc3]
61...f5 62.Nc3



Kg5 -0.69/24
[62...Bb7!∓ -1.41/24 63.Kh1 Kh5]
63.exf5 -1.33/27
[63.Rh7∓ -0.69/24]
63...Bxf5∓ 64.Ra6 Kh4 -0.91/25
[64...Kh5-+ -1.90/26 has better winning chances. 65.Na4 d5 66.Rxb6 *(66.Nxb6 dxc4* Remove Defender *67.Nxc4 Rxb5∓)* 66...Re8 67.cxd5 e4 68.fxe4 Rxe4]

65.Na4 -1.59/27
[White should try 65.Ra7 -0.91/25]
65...Bc8 -0.23/27 Black is more active.
[65...d5∓ -1.59/27 66.Rxb6 Re8 67.cxd5 e4 68.fxe4 Rxe4]
66.Ra7 -0.89/26
[66.Rxb6= -0.23/27 remains equal. Ra8 67.Nc3 Nxg2 68.Rxd6 *(68.Kxg2 is a self mate. Bxh3+ 69.Kh1 Ra1 70.Ne2 g2+* Pin, Double Attack *71.Kh2 gxf1Q 72.Rxd6 Qxe2#; 68.Bxg2 Ra1+)*]
66...Kg5 67.Nc3 Bb7 68.Be2? -5.22/23
[68.Ra4∓ -0.70/25]

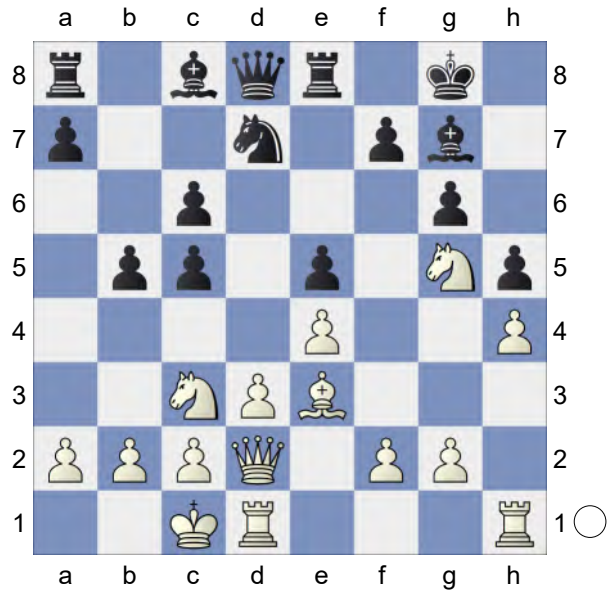


68...d5!-+ Black is clearly winning.
69.cxd5 Rc8 Against Bc4
[69...Bxd5? 70.Ra4 Bb3 71.Ra1∓]
[69...Nxd5? is the wrong capture. 70.Rxb7 Rxb7 71.Nxd5+-]
70.Ne4+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
70...Kh4
0-1

69 **B31**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3127**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2703**
Blitz 24.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

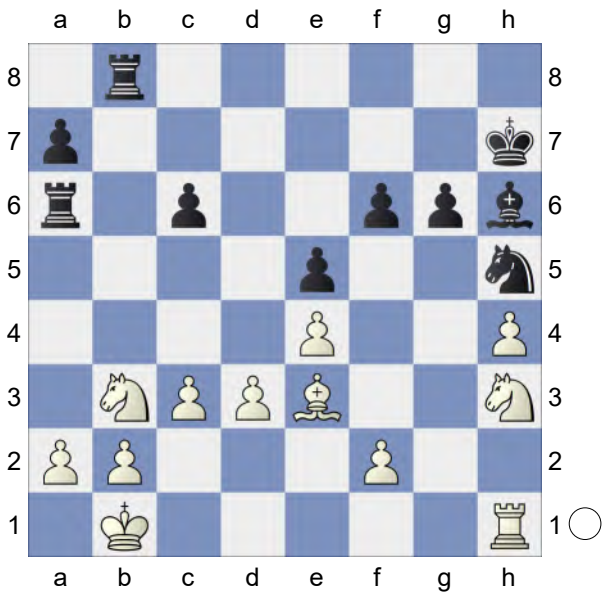
Blitz 2min+2sec B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 0-0 10.h4 White is more active. **10...h5 11.0-0-0**

Re8 12.Ng5! White is better. **12...b5**

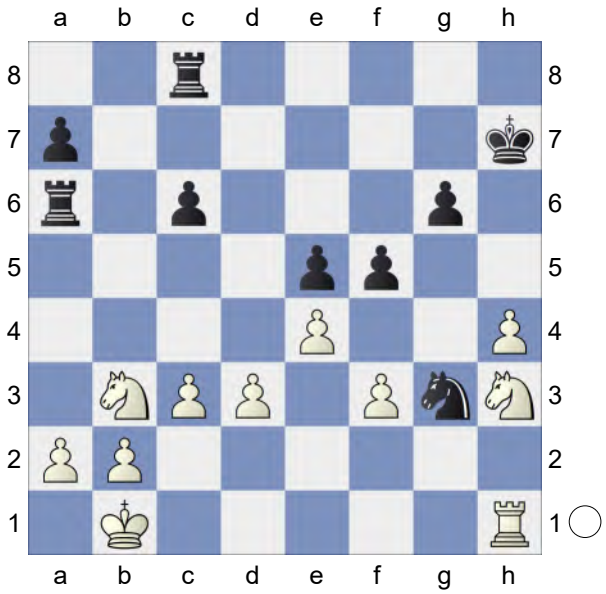


13.g4! Nf6 14.gxh5
[14.Bxc5 Bxg4 15.f3 Bc8∓]
14...Nxh5 15.Bxc5 f6 16.Nh3 Bg4! 17.Rdf1! Kh7 18.Kb1! b4 19.Na4 Bf3 20.Qxb4 Rb8 21.Qe1 Bxh1 22.Rxh1 Rb5 23.Be3
[23.Bxa7? Qe7 24.Bc5 Rxc5 25.Nxc5 Qxc5-+]
23...Qa5 24.Qxa5 Rxa5 25.Nc5 Rb8 1.17/22
[25...Bf8± 0.65/21 26.Nb3 Ra6]
26.c3± Bh6 Strongly threatening ... Bxe3. **27.Nb3! Ra6**

(Diagram)



28.Bc5! Re8 1.61/22
[28...Bf8± 1.14/24]
29.f3 Rc8 2.30/23
[29...Bf8± 1.27/20]
30.Nf2+- f5 2.39/20
[30...Kg8 1.94/21 31.d4 Bf4]
31.Nh3 Bf4 32.Bf2 Bg3 4.26/21
[32...Rb6 2.68/19 is a better defense. 33.Bxb6 axb6 34.exf5 gxf5]
33.Bxg3 Nxg3



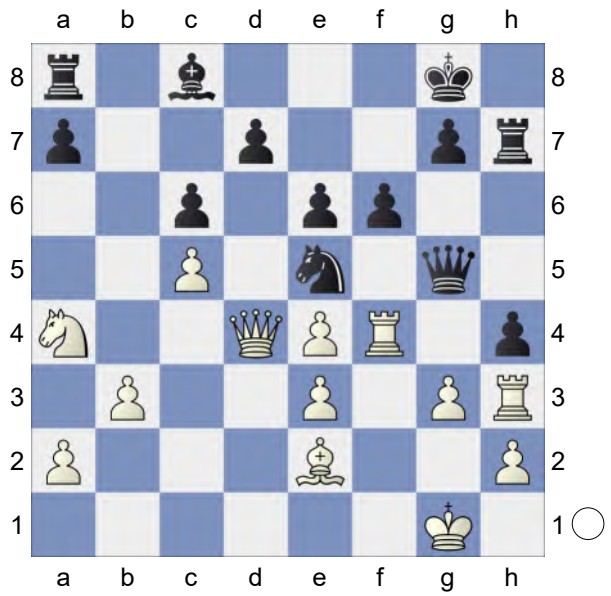
34.Rg1 Ne2 35.Rg2
[35.Re1 Ng3 36.Ng5+ Kg8 37.exf5 Nxf5 38.Rxe5 Nxh4+-]

35...Nf4 36.Nxf4 exf4 Endgame KRR-KRN **37.Nc5 Rb6 38.e5 Rh8 39.d4 Kg7 40.Ne6+ Kf7 41.Nxf4 Rxh4 42.e6+** Deflection
[Less strong is 42.Nxg6 Rh1+ 43.Kc2 c5+-]
42...Ke8 43.Nxg6 Rh1+ 44.Kc2 Re1 45.Nf4 Kf8 46.Rg5 Rb7 47.Rxf5+ Kg7 48.a4 Ra1 49.a5 Ra2 50.Nd3 Re7 51.Kb1 Ra4 52.b3 Rxd4 53.cxd4 Threatens to win with Rf7+!. **53...Rxe6** KRN-KR **54.Kc2 Kg8 55.b4 Re2+ 56.Kc3 Rh2 57.b5 cxb5 58.d5 Ra2 59.d6 Rxa5 60.d7 b4+ 61.Kd4 Rxf5 62.d8Q+**
[Not 62.d8B Rf8 *(62...Rxf3 63.Nxb4 Rf4+ 64.Kc5=)* 63.Be7 Rxf3∓]
62...Kg7 63.Ne5 Rf4+ 64.Kd5 Kh6 65.Qg8 Kh5 66.Qg3 White mates. **66...Rf6 67.f4 Kh6 68.Qg8 Rd6+ 69.Kxd6 Kh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.65 **70.Qh8#**
1-0

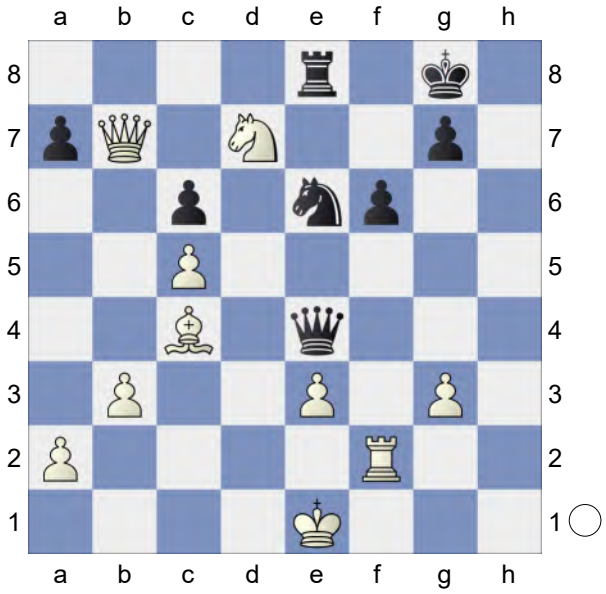
70 **B30**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3130**
■ **expositor** **2706**
Blitz 24.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 2min+2sec B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Ng6 9.c4 White has an edge. **9...Bc5 10.Nc3 Bd4 11.Na4 Qd8 12.c5 0-0 13.Be2 Qf6 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Qg5 16.Qd4 h5 17.Rad1** White is more active. **17...f6 18.b3** Black is now going downhill. **18...Kh7 19.Rf3 h4 20.Rdf1 Ne5 21.Rh3 Rh8** 1.32/21
[Better is 21...Ng6 0.94/21]
22.Rf4± Kg8 23.g3 Rh7

(Diagram)



24.Kf1!
[24.Rfxh4?! Rxh4 25.Rxh4 Ba6±]
24...hxg3 1.91/23
[24...Nf7± 1.10/21 was called for. 25.Rfxh4 *(25.gxh4 Qe5=; 25.Rhxh4 e5=)* 25...Rxh4 26.Rxh4 Qe5]
25.Rxg3+- Qh6 26.Rf2 Nf7 2.27/20
[26...Qh4± 1.55/20 27.Rfg2 Kf8]
27.Ke1 Kf8 28.Nb2 e5? 3.52/20
[28...Qh4 1.69/19 29.Nc4 Rh8]
29.Qa4 Ng5 30.Bd3 Qg6 4.71/21
[⌓30...a5 3.33/17 31.Nc4 Ke7]
31.Nc4 Rh3 32.Nxe5 Qh5 33.Be2 Qh6 34.Qa5 Bb7 7.92/23
[⌓34...Ne6 4.40/22 35.Ng4 Qh4]
35.Qc7 Bc4 is the strong threat.
[35.Nxd7+ Ke8+-]
35...Rxg3 36.hxg3
[36.Nxd7+ Ke8 37.hxg3 Nxe4+-]
36...Qh1+ 37.Bf1 Kg8 38.Qxb7 Re8 39.Nxd7
[39.Qxd7 Rxe5 40.Rf5 Qxe4 *(40...Nxe4? too greedy. 41.Rxe5 fxe5 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qxe5±; 40...Nf3+ 41.Kf2±)* 41.Bc4+ Kh7 42.Rxe5 Nf3+ 43.Ke2 Nxe5+-]
39...Qxe4 40.Bc4+
[40.Qxa7 is a self mate. Qb1+ 41.Kd2 Ne4+ 42.Ke2 Qc2+ *(42...Nxg3+ 43.Kf3=)* 43.Kf3 Qxf2+ 44.Kg4 Qxg3+ 45.Kh5 Qg5#]
40...Ne6



41.Nxf6+! gxf6 42.Qd7 Qb1+ 43.Ke2 Qc2+ 44.Kf3 Qf5+ 45.Kg2 Qe4+ 46.Kg1 Qb1+ 47.Rf1 Qg6 48.Bxe6+ Kf8 49.Qd6+ Kg7 50.Rf4 White wants to mate with Qd7+. **50...Qxg3+ 51.Kf1 Kh8** White mates. **52.Qd7 Ra8 53.Qf7 Qg5 54.Rg4 Qxg4 55.Bxg4 Rd8 56.Bf5 Rd1+ 57.Ke2 Rd2+ 58.Kxd2 a6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=1.11 **59.Qh7#**
1-0

71 **B31**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3104**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2722**
Rapid 23.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 8min+1sec B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5

10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

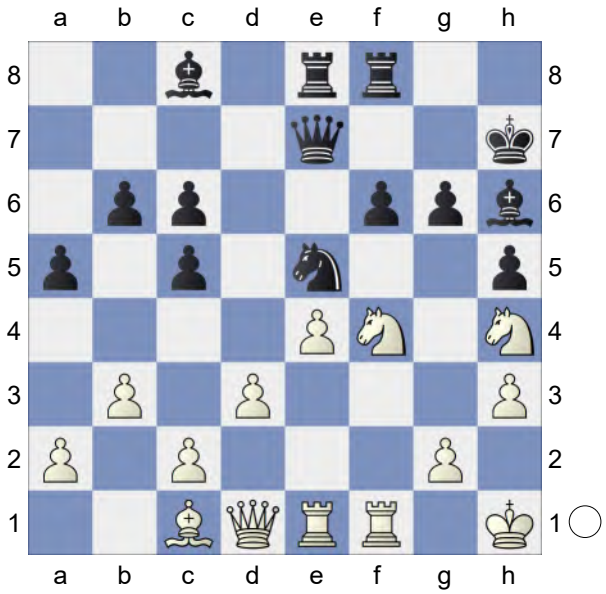
3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 f6 10.Nh2 White has more active pieces. **10...Qe7 11.0-0 b6** White is slightly better. **12.Rae1 Bb7 13.b3 0-0 14.Ng4 h5 15.Nh2 Rae8 16.Ne2 Kh7 17.Kh1 Bc8 18.Qd1 Nb8 19.f4 exf4 20.Nxf4 Nd7 21.Nf3 Ne5 22.Nh4 Bh6 23.Bc1** This move loses the game for Black. **23...a5?** 5.69/21

[23...Qg7± 0.74/20]

(Diagram)



24.Nfxg6!+- Nxg6 25.Nf5 Wards off Qg7

[Weaker is 25.Qxh5 Qg7±]

[Inferior is 25.Bxh6 Kxh6 26.Rf5 Nxh4∓]

25...Bxf5 26.exf5 Ne5 Threatens to win with ...Bxc1. **27.Qxh5 Qg7 28.Re4 Rg8 29.g4** and h4 would now be decisive **29...Rd8** 8.71/24

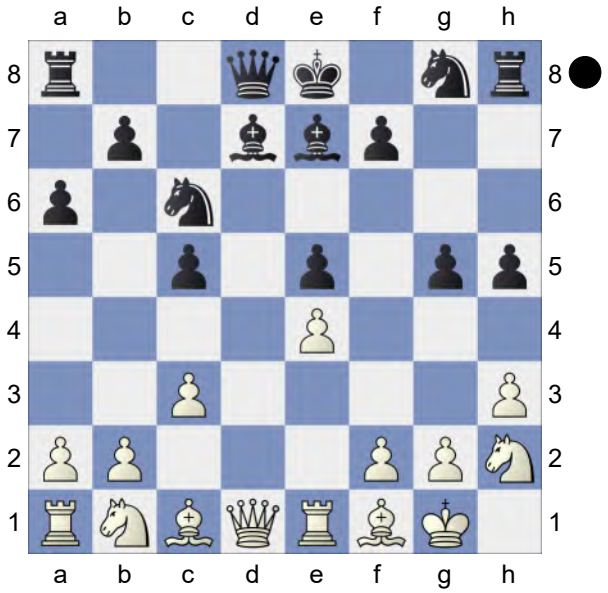
[⌓29...b5 4.78/19 30.h4 c4]

30.h4 Rgf8 31.g5 Pin **31...Kg8 32.Bb2 Qh7 33.gxf6 Be3 34.Qxh7+ Kxh7 35.Rxe3 Nf7 36.Re7 Kh6 37.Rg1 b5 38.Rg7 c4 39.bxc4 bxc4 40.Bc1+ Kh5 41.Re4 Rh8** Against Rh7+ **42.Rxf7 cxd3 43.cxd3 Rd5 44.Rg7 Rxf5 45.Kg2** Intending f7 and mate. **45...Rh6 46.Bxh6 Kxh6** White mates. **47.Re6 c5 48.Rg3 Kh5 49.Re8 Rxf6 50.Kh3 a4 51.Rh8+ Rh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) / Black=1.28 **52.Rg5#**

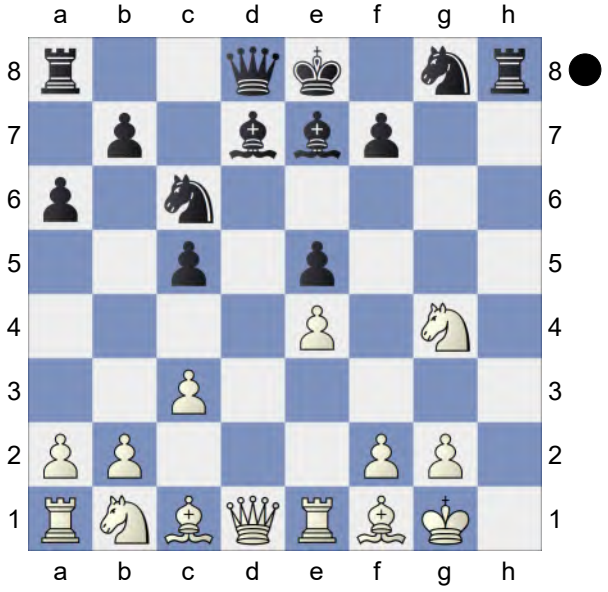
1-0

72 **B51**
□ **Nadigraj** **2716**
■ **SpeedMonkey** **2635**
Blitz 27.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 e5 7.c3 Be7 8.h3 g5 White has an edge. **9.d4 h5 10.dxe5** 0.01/21
[10.d5± 0.40/21]
10...dxe5= 11.Nh2
[11.Bc4!?]



11...g4! 12.hxg4 hxg4 13.Nxg4? -2.52/21
[13.Na3= -0.28/21 and White is okay.]



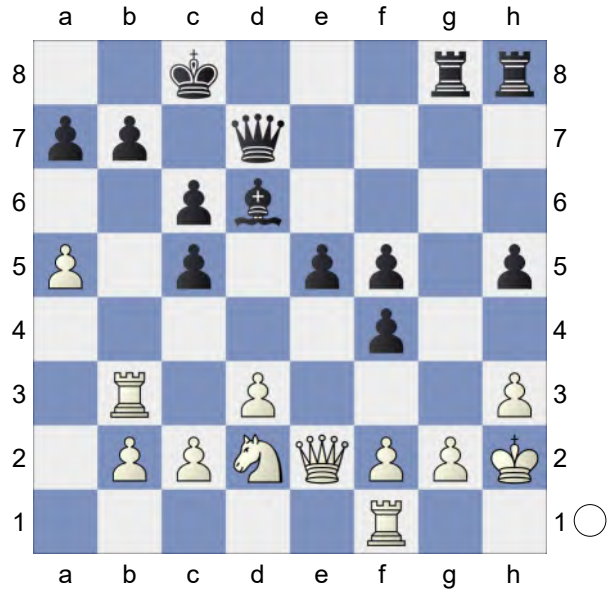
13...Qc7? 0.94/22
[13...Bg5!-+ -2.52/21 14.Ne3 Qf6]
14.Ne3 0.51/20
[White should play 14.g3± 0.94/22]

14...Nf6!± 15.Nd5 -0.01/20
[15.Nd2± 0.50/22]
15...Nxd5= 16.exd5 0-0-0 Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **17.dxc6?** -4.58/24
[17.Nd2= -0.30/20 Kb8 *(17...e4? 18.g3+-)* 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Qe2]
17...Bxc6-+ 18.Qg4+ Kb8 19.Be3? -6.93/21
[19.Qf5 -3.21/20 Rdf8 20.Nd2 *(20.Qxe5 Bd6+-; 20.Rxe5?* is the wrong capture. *f6-+)*]
19...Rh4 20.Qf5 Rdh8 21.f3 e4 aiming for ...exf3. **22.f4 R8h5 23.Qxh5 Rxh5 24.Nd2 Bh4 25.Be2 Bxe1 26.Bxh5 Bg3 27.Rf1 f5 28.Bg6 Bd7 29.Nc4 Bc8 30.Ne5 Qg7 31.Rd1 Qh6 32.Rd8 Bxf4 33.Bxf5 Bxe3+ 34.Kf1 Qf4+ 35.Ke2 Qf2+ 36.Kd1 Qxf5 37.Nd7+ Qxd7+** Black mates. **38.Rxd7 Bxd7 39.Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=1.33/Black=0.54 **39...Bf4**
0-1

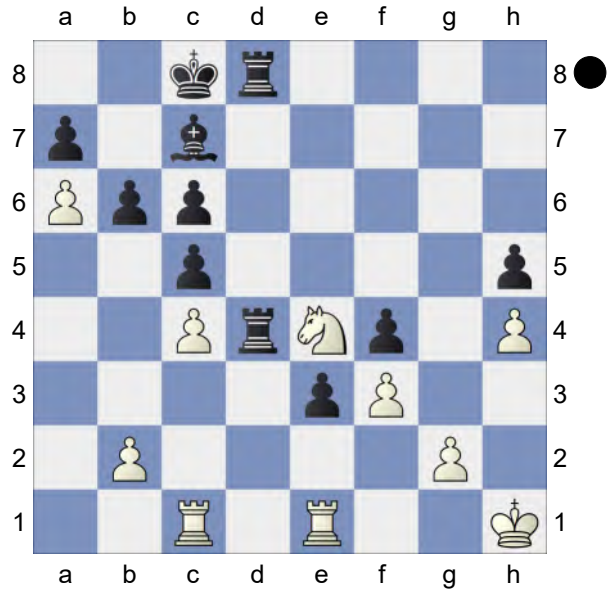
73 **B30**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2704**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2805**
Chess.com Classic Play-In rapid (9.2)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.h3 e5 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Be3 The position is equal.
8...Nd7 9.Nd2 Nf8 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Ne2 -0.40/20
[11.a4= 0.03/19]
11...Nf4!∓ 12.a4 Be6 13.a5 h5 14.Ra4 g5 15.Ng3 Qd7 16.Bxf4 -0.63/23
[16.Re1= -0.22/21 is more appropriate.]
16...gxf4
[16...exf4 17.Nf5=]
17.Nf5 Bxf5
[17...0-0-0 feels hotter. 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Kh2 Rdg8]
18.exf5 Qxf5 Loses the game. **19.Ra3?** -1.86/20
[19.Qf3∓ -0.33/20 Kd7 20.Qe4 Qxe4 21.Rxe4]
19...f6 20.Rb3 -2.04/21
[20.Qf3∓ -1.57/19 a6 21.Rb3]
20...Qd7-+ 21.Qf3 0-0-0 22.Qe4

-2.36/22
[⌓22.Kh2 -1.80/20]
22...Rdg8 23.Kh2 f5 24.Qe2 Bd6



25.Qf3? -5.02/23
[25.Kh1 -2.34/20 was necessary.]
25...Bc7 26.Rd1 Rg6 27.a6 b6 28.Kh1 Rhg8 29.Rg1 Qd5 30.c4 Qxf3 31.Nxf3 e4 32.Nh4 Rf6 33.Re1 Re8 34.Nf3? -5.11/22
[34.Kg1 -3.11/20]
34...Rfe6 35.Ng5 R6e7 36.dxe4 fxe4 37.h4 e3 38.f3 Rd7 39.Ne4 Rd4 40.Rc3 Red8 41.Rcc1



Rd2! Promotion **42.b3**
[42.Rb1 Rc2]
42...Rb2 43.Rb1 Ra2 44.Ra1 Rxa1 45.Rxa1 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **45...Rd3 46.Kg1 Bd8 47.g3 fxg3 48.Kg2 Bxh4**
[48...Rxb3 49.Kxg3 b5 50.Nxc5-+]
49.Rh1 e2 50.Re1 Be7 51.Nxg3 Rxb3 52.Rxe2 Kd7 53.Nxh5 b5 54.f4 bxc4 Hoping for ...c3. **55.f5** -8.36/21
[⌓55.Rc2 -4.89/22 c3 56.Kf3]
55...c3 56.Kf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.27 (precise)
56...c2+
0-1

74 **B31**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2755**
■ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2637**
Gashimov Memorial Blitz 10th (12)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L

(2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

4.Nc3 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 0-0 7.e5 Nh5 0.97/19 Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[7...Ne8!= 0.24/21]

8.Bxc6± dxc6 9.d3! f6N White is better.

[Vorgänger: 9...Qc7 10.h3! Prevents Bg4. Threatens to win with g4. Bh8 11.Qd2 Ng7 12.Ne4 b6 13.Qf4 a5 14.a3 Ra7 15.Bd2 Nf5 1.36/19 ;0-1 Martins,K-Zeh,U DESC E0786 email 2003 *(⌓15...Qd8 0.87/19)*]

10.exf6 Nxf6 11.h3 Nd5 Against Bf4

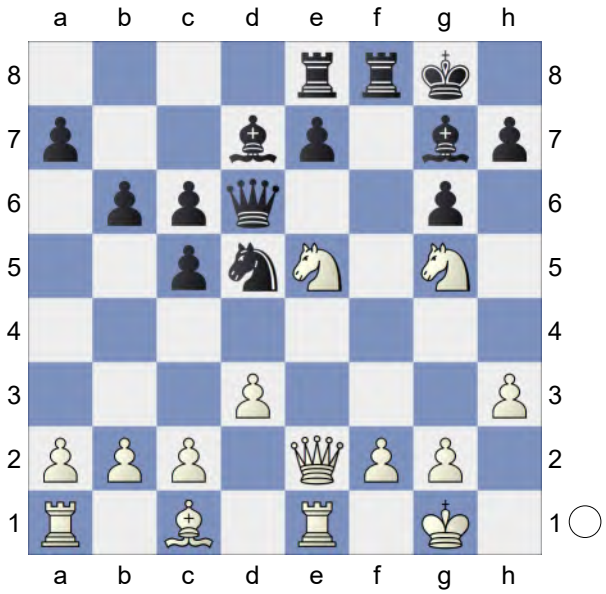
12.Ne4 0.67/19

[White should play 12.Bg5± 1.10/19]

12...b6± 13.Neg5 Qd6 14.Qe2 Bd7 15.Ne5 Rae8 1.28/22

[15...Rf5!± 0.56/20 16.Ng4 e5]

(Diagram)



16.Bd2 0.55/20

[16.Nxd7!± 1.28/22 Qxd7 17.Qe6+ Qxe6 18.Nxe6]

16...Bc8 17.Rad1 Qf6 1.59/17

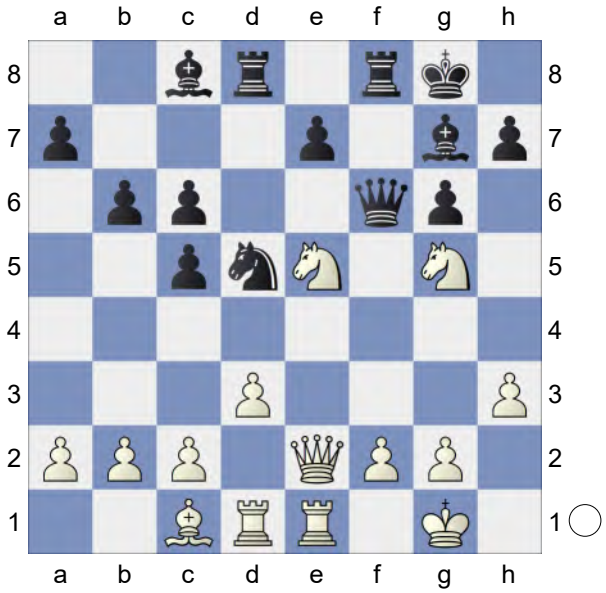
[17...Rf5± 0.57/19 18.Ngf3 Bb7 *(18...Ref8 19.Qe4±)*]

18.Bc1 0.90/21

[⌓18.Ngf3 1.59/17]

18...Rd8 2.16/19

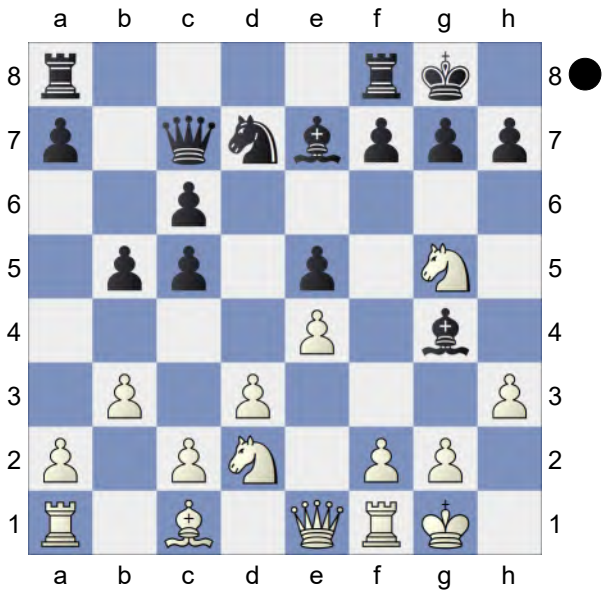
[18...Qxe5± 0.90/21 is a better defense. 19.Qxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 h6]



19.Ngf3!+- Rd6 2.38/20
[⌓19...a6 1.84/18 20.c3 Rfe8]
20.Nh2? 0.26/22 Excellent horsemanship.
[20.Bg5+- 2.38/20 Qf5 21.Qd2]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.51 **20...Nf4** 1.01/22 Loss on time!?
[20...Re6= 0.26/22 21.Nhf3 Qf5]
0-1

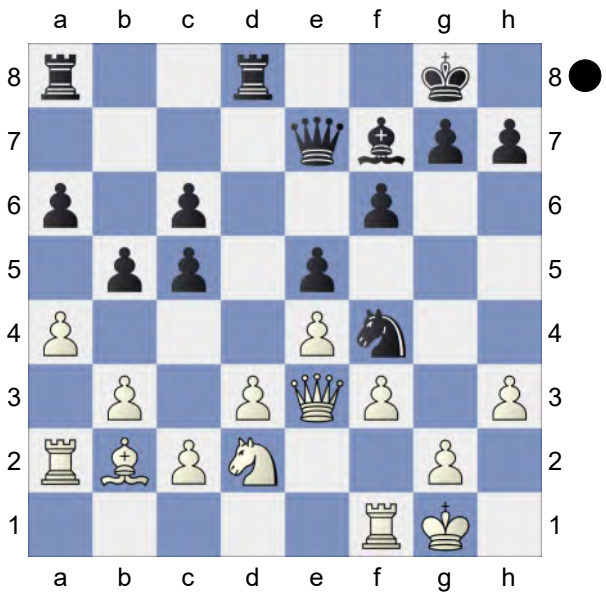
75 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
■ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2677**
Superbet POL Blitz 2024 (1.4) 11.05.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.Nc4 b5 8.Ncd2 The position is equal.
[8.Ncxe5 Bd6 9.Bf4 0-0∓]
8...Be7 9.b3 Be6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.Qe1 -0.49/21
[12.Ngf3= -0.10/23]
12...Nd7 0.03/20
[Better is 12...Nh5∓ -0.49/21 13.h3 Bc8]
13.h3



Bh5! 14.Ngf3 Rfd8 15.Bb2! f6 16.Nh4 Nf8 17.Nf5 Ne6 18.Nxe7+! Qxe7 19.a4 a6 20.Ra2 Nf4 21.f3 Bf7 22.Qe3

(Diagram)



c4! 23.dxc4
[23.bxc4 bxc4 24.dxc4 Rxd2 25.Qxd2 Bxc4 26.Raa1]
23...bxc4 24.Ba3
[24.bxc4 Rxd2 25.Qxd2 Bxc4 26.Raa1]
24...Qd7 25.Nxc4 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Qe6 27.Rb2 -0.71/24
[27.Bc5∓ -0.31/23 might be stronger.]
27...Rd7 -0.14/24
[27...Qxc4∓ -0.71/24 28.Qb3 Qf7]
28.Rb6 Rad8 29.Bc1 Prevents Rd2. Threatening Qb3.
[29.Rxa6 Rd2 30.Rf2 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Nxh3 *(31...Qxc4 32.Qb3=)* 32.gxh3 Rh1+ 33.Kxh1 Qxh3+ 34.Rh2 Rd1+-+]
29...h5 Strongly threatening ...Rd1.
[29...Qxc4 30.Qb3 Ne2+ 31.Kf2 Qxb3 32.cxb3+-]
30.Kh2
[30.Rxa6? Rd1 31.Qf2 *(31.Rxd1? Rxd1+ 32.Kh2 Qxc4-+)* 31...Qxc4 32.Bxf4 exf4-+ *(32...Qxa6? 33.Be3-+)*]
30...Kh7 31.Qc5 Bxf4! is the strong threat.
[31.Rxa6? Qxc4 32.Qf2 Qxa6-+]
[31.c5 feels hotter. Qc4 32.Qf2 Rd2 33.Bxd2 Rxd2 34.Qxd2 Qxf1 35.Rb2]
Loses the game. **31...Ng6** 3.06/23
[31...Ne2= 0.14/24 and Black is okay.]
32.Rxc6
[Not 32.Qxc6 Rd6 33.Qc7 Rxb6=]
32...Qf7 33.Be3
[33.Rxa6 Rc7 34.Qa5 *(34.Rc6 Rxc6 35.Qxc6 Rd4+-)* 34...Qxc4=]
33...a5? 5.16/22
[33...Rb8 3.21/22 34.Rxa6 Rc7]
34.Qxa5+- White is clearly winning.
34...Rd6 8.06/22
[⌓34...Nf8 4.46/20 35.Rc5 Rb8]
35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.c5 Rc6 37.Qb5 Rc8 38.Rd1 Rc7 39.a5 Qa2 40.Rd7 Rxd7 41.Qxd7 Qxc2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.68 **42.Qf5**
1-0

76 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,A.** **2760**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
Toronto 04.2024
[Daniel Fernandez,TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4

d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5 I vaguely remembered checking this position in connection with Ravi Haria's work on the Rossolimo, which I recommend by the way. The cloud engines have since been kind to Black, in a position that feels practically very unfriendly. **7.c4**

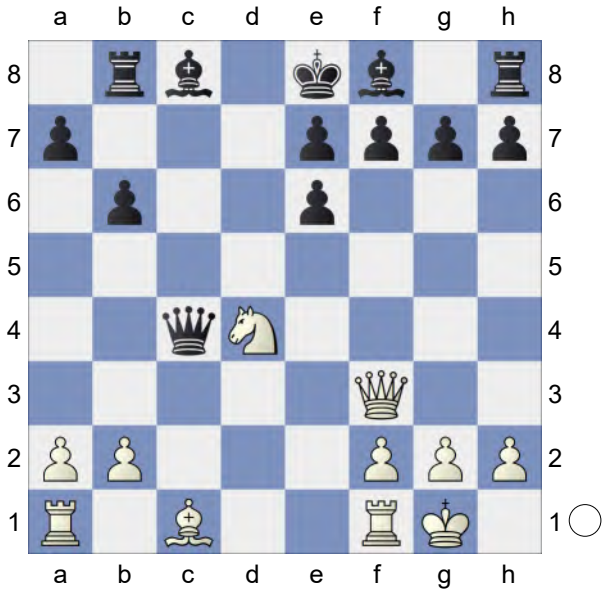
[7.Ng5 0.28/23 7.0-0 0.65 f6! 8.Qh5+ *(* since then attention has shifted to *8.Ne4* , where Black looks for equality in esoterically complicated lines like. And now c4 would win. *f5! 9.c4! Nc7 10.Nxc5 Nxb5 11.cxb5∞)* 8...g6 9.Qf3! fxg5 10.Qxd5 a6 11.Nc3 Qc7 This move, and the ethos behind it, are perhaps fundamentally quite difficult to sit with. Black has voluntarily moved their f-pawn and it now sits on g5. White has one more developed piece. And yet first on the agenda seems to be the e5-pawn. How the two sides wrangle over that will determine whether there is any such thing as punishment for Black's developmental sins. 12.d3 *(12.0-0 e6! 13.Qe4 Bg7* and White has to sacrifice it sooner or later due to the idea of ...Rf8-f5.*)* 12...Bg7 13.Bxg5 Qxe5+ 14.Qxe5 Bxe5=]

7...Nc7 Truth be told, I'm a bit surprised Caruana chose this way of handling the Rossolimo with Black. I'm sure there were psychological reasons, but it does feel like if White had taken the time to prepare something specific in this position, things could get challenging quickly.

[Of course, by this point, there's no backing down. 7...Nb4 1.05/21 7...Nc7 0.66 8.d4± is substantially more annoying for Black.]

8.Nc3 0.06/22 White has more active pieces.

[8.Nxc7+!? Qxc7 9.0-0 followed by d4 is like the Wild West of Sicilian gambits. A sample line could be b6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxc4 12.Qf3 Prevents Qd5 Rb8 13.e6! dxe6



14.Qg3! Rb7 15.Be3!→]

[8.a4 would be my personal choice if I needed to prepare something. From the database it appears that Russian GM David Paravyan already has.

A) 8...a6 0.69/22 8...d6 0.29 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.0-0 g6 1.70/22 *(10...b6=* 0.27/23 *)* 11.d4± 1-0 Paravyan,D (2612)-Meskovs,N (2532) Chessable Masters Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (5);

B) 8...d6!

B1) 9.d4!? dxe5 10.dxc5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Na6 12.Nxe5 Bf5 0.61/23 The longer you leave this, the more it just looks like full compensation for Black. *(*Black should try *12...Be6!=* 0.02/20 *)*;

B2) 9.Qe2!?N is an intriguing novelty that I can't quite seem to get my head around. It crosses most of Black's logical development strategies.;

B3) 9.exd6 exd6 10.d4 Be7 11.dxc5 Nxb5 12.axb5 dxc5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 0.19/21 *(⌓13...Bxd8* -0.28/21 *14.0-0 0-0)* 14.Be3 Be6 15.b3= 1-0 Paravyan,D (2589)-Abasov,N (2646) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Oct Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (10)]

[White should play 8.0-0± 0.63/24]

8...d5!?

[The engine prefers the more reserved 8...d6 , as maybe there are potential futures where Black gets ...f6 and ...e5 pawn breaks in. The Maroczy Bind is worth fighting for.]

[8...b6 0.48/23 8...d6 -0.01 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bb7 Dodges Qf3 11.0-0 g6!]

9.exd6

[White can opt to play it a bit more confrontationally with 9.d4 , when it looks like Black should take: dxc4 10.Be3 *(10.d5?!* -0.33/20 10.Be3 0.24 *b5* leaves White's centre actually looking quite precarious.*)* 10...g6 I think this is Black's best bet for equality, and they should be unashamed about losing either (or even both) of the c-pawns. For instance: *(10...e6 11.0-0 Nd5 12.Ne4)* 11.0-0 Bg7 12.d5 -0.09/20 *(12.Qa4+ Bd7 13.Qxc4 cxd4∞; ⌓12.Qa4+* 0.30/22 *Bd7 13.Qxc4)* 12...0-0!= 13.Bxc5 b6 14.Ba3! Bb7⇄]

9...exd6 0.45/22

[9...Qxd6! with the idea of ...f6 and ...e5 just doesn't leave White a lot of places to look for an advantage. It's either a trite attempt at d4, or the pretentious 10.0-0 g6 11.b4!? but of course this is just as likely to lead to Black being better.]

[9...Qxd6= 0.06/24 10.0-0 g6]

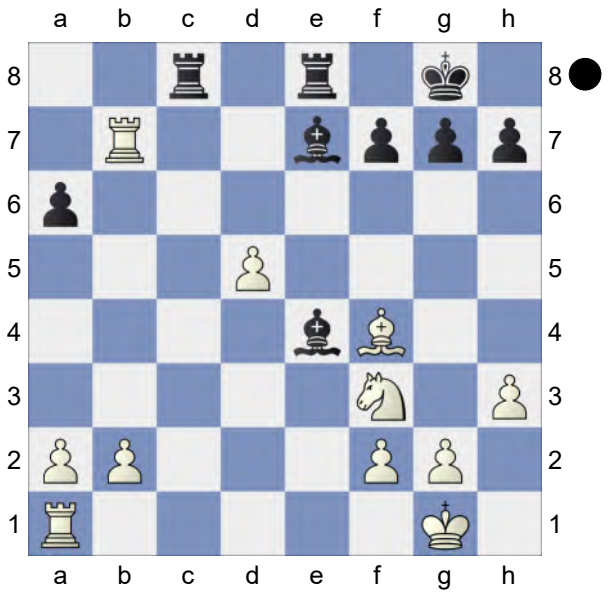
10.d4± Be7 11.0-0 0-0 You get the feeling White maybe has a small something from the opening. The central pressure isn't even fully offset by Black's bishop pair. **12.Bf4 Ne6 13.Be3 Nc7 14.h3**

[14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Qb3! feels like quite a tedious defence for Black.]

14...Bf5 15.Re1 Re8 16.Qd2 0.11/21 Specifically this move gives Black the freedom to unlimber something with ...d5. A different developing move might have served White better.

[Perhaps even something so apparently miniscule as 16.b3 , since in the game a couple of moves later Black wants the ...c4 push.]

[16.Qb3± 0.52/22
is more appropriate.]
16...d5!= 17.cxd5 c4 18.Bf4 Nxd5 19.Re5 Nxc3
[There was also 19...Be6!? , e.g. 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Rae1 next Qe3 is good for White. f6= if Black wanted to explore the possibility of playing for an advantage.]
20.Qxc3 Qd7 21.Qxc4 Rac8
After this I'd be amazed if any of the commentators or spectators predicted anything other than a draw. For me this move seals the deal: Black has full compensation and the bishop pair work wonders with or without the queens on.
22.Qb5 Qxb5 23.Rxb5 Be4 24.d5 a6 25.Rxb7

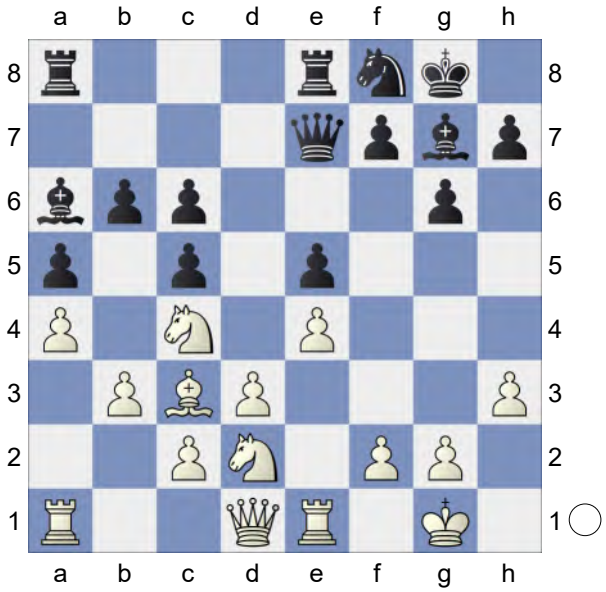


Bxd5 26.Rd7 Be6 This pair of bishops is nice. **27.Ra7 Ra8 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.a3 h6 30.Re1 Rd8** The position is equal. **31.Be5 Rd5 32.Bc3 Bc5** Prevents Nd4 **33.Ne5 Kh7 34.Nf3 Bd7 35.Re5 Rd1+ 36.Re1 Rd5 37.Re5 Rd1+ 38.Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **38...Rd5**
½-½

77 **B31**
□ **Mamikon_Gharibyan** **2731**
■ **siroglantalibov** **2801**
Blitz 07.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.a4 Nf6 9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.Nc4 0-0 11.b3 0.10/19

[11.a5± 0.46/19]
11...a5 0.64/21
[11...b6= 0.10/19]
12.Bd2 White is more active. **12...b6**
13.Bc3 Ba6 0.61/18
[13...Ra6= 0.16/18 should be considered.]
14.h3 Rfe8 15.Nfd2 This move loses the game for Black. **15...Nf8?** 2.71/22
[15...Qd8± 0.39/18]



16.Nxb6+- A dynamic duo of knights.
16...Rab8 17.Bxa5 Ne6 18.Nbc4 Nf4 19.Nf3 Bc8 20.Bd2 Nxh3+ 5.78/20
[20...g5 3.81/20 was worth a try. 21.Nh2 Ra8]
21.gxh3 Bxh3 22.Nh2 Inhibits Bg4.
22...Be6 23.a5 f5 24.Qf3 f4 25.Bc3 h5 26.Kf1 Bc8 7.58/19
[⌓26...Qh4 4.57/19]
27.Ke2 Qh4

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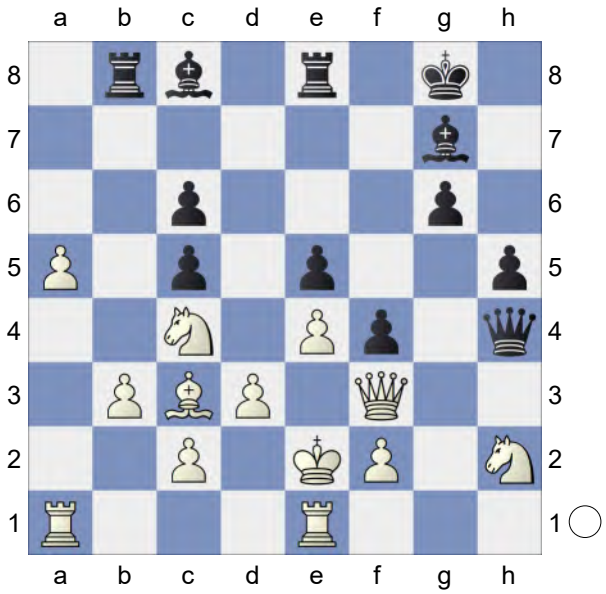


28.Rg1! Kh7
[28...g5 29.Qg2]
29.Qg2 Qf6 30.Bxe5 Rxe5 31.Nxe5 Qxe5 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Nf3 Bg4 34.Rxg4 Qxa1 35.Qxh5+ 13.30/5
[⌓35.Rxf4 #21/28 Qf6 36.Rxf6 Bxf6 37.Qxf6+ Kg8 38.Qe6+ *(38.Qxc6 c4 39.Qxc4+ Kh8 40.Ng5 Rb7 41.Qc8+ Kg7 42.Qxb7+ Kf6 43.f4 Kg6 44.Qh7+ Kf6 45.Qf7#)* 38...Kf8 39.Qd6+ *(39.Qxc6 Kg8 40.Ng5 Kg7 41.Qc7+ Kg6 42.Qf7+ Kxg5 43.Qg7+ Kh4 44.Qg3#)* 39...Kg8 40.Qxb8+ Kg7 41.Qg3+ *(41.Qe5+ Kg8 42.Ng5 h4 43.Qf6 h3 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Qh7#)* 41...Kh8 42.Qg6 *(42.Qe5+ Kh7 43.Ng5+ Kg6 44.Qf5+ Kg7 45.Qf7+ Kh8 46.Qh7#)* 42...c4 43.dxc4 *(43.Qxh5+ Kg7 44.Ne5 cxd3+ 45.Ke3 Kf6 46.Qf7+ Kg5 47.Qg6+ Kh4 48.Qh6#)* 43...c5 44.Ne5 h4 45.Nf7#]
35...Kg8 36.Qxc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.80
36...Re8
1-0

78 **B30**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2727**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
Toronto 04.2024
[Daniel Fernandez,TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...Nf6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Bf4!? 0.19/23 An extremely sensible-looking move, which very few people seem to have played. White is to some extent arguing that the bishop on h5 is living on borrowed time, and its continued existence causes the rest of Black's decisions to become more fraught.

[The theoretical main move is 7.Nc3]

[7.b3± 0.56/21]

7...c4!= Of course, Caruana is a professional and he would have known the right answer.

[Black can very easily go astray with logical moves, e.g. 7...e6 8.Nbd2 Be7 0.90/23 *(8...Nd7± 0.49/19)* 9.g4 Bg6 10.Qe2±]

8.Nc3 White has an edge. **8...cxd3** A decision that seems likely to be taken sooner or later, so this makes sense as the naive (but not necessarily bad) approach. It does give White some extra possibilities like Qb3, however, and those interface with the short/long castling decision in complicated ways.

[I was curious whether Black can actually keep the tension much longer in any way that could vaguely be deemed advantageous for them, and so looked a bit at 8...e6!? 9.0-0 *(9.g4!? Bg6 10.Ne5 cxd3 11.Qxd3* 0-1 Castellanos Rodriguez,R (2478)-Zhigalko,S (2572) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (11) may also fight for an edge, *)* 9...Bb4 Maybe this is the most interesting test. Psychologically one wants to defend c3 with a piece, but there is none especially enticing to do it with. There could follow 10.Re1 as the best approximation, and now it seems White is getting ready to take on c4, so it's time for Black to set out their stall on the d-file, say with cxd3

11.cxd3 Nd7 12.g4 Bg6⇄ with a complicated battle. White seems to need to push d4 at some point, and maybe it ends up being largely the same as the next note as White's early queen moves amount to little.]

9.cxd3 e6

[With the last note in mind, I think if Black did play 9...Nd7 then White needs to fairly quickly decide where the queen belongs. b3 is always an option, but is it the right one? 10.d4 e6 11.g4 *(11.Qb3 Bxf3!; 11.Qd3 Be7 12.d5!?* is another way to try and play it, and not entirely an unambitious one. Probably Black just needs to take a minute and find the most exact equaliser for that situation. *cxd5 13.exd5 0-0 14.0-0 Qb6⇄)* 11...Bg6 12.0-0 *(12.Qd3 Bb4* prepares ...Nf6 back again and White needs to adjust to the terms of a confrontation on the light squares.*; 12.Qb3?!* -0.52/19 12.a3 0.23 *b5!)* 12...Bb4 13.Re1 0-0 14.Qb3]

10.g4 Bg6 11.Qb3↑ White sets out his stall as wanting to make do without d4 for the foreseeable future, which I respect. I think the precise order of Black's last few moves allowed White to explore playing against the g6-bishop in a particular way that now demands Black's highly focused attention to equalise. White is pushing. **11...Qb6**

12.Be3 Qc7

[12...Qxb3 13.axb3 a6 14.Ne5 feels hard to debate is a slight plus for White.]

13.0-0-0 Nd7 14.Nh4 White has more active pieces. **14...Bd6** 0.86/21 After this I think White is clearly better, and can even choose whether to involve d4 in the plans or not.

[I think Black could still have gone for a Slav-adjacent feeling with 14...e5 and seemingly the opening debate is still there to be had.]

[14...e5± 0.39/22]

15.Kb1 a5 1.27/25

[Black should play 15...Nc5!± 0.56/19 16.Qc2 e5]

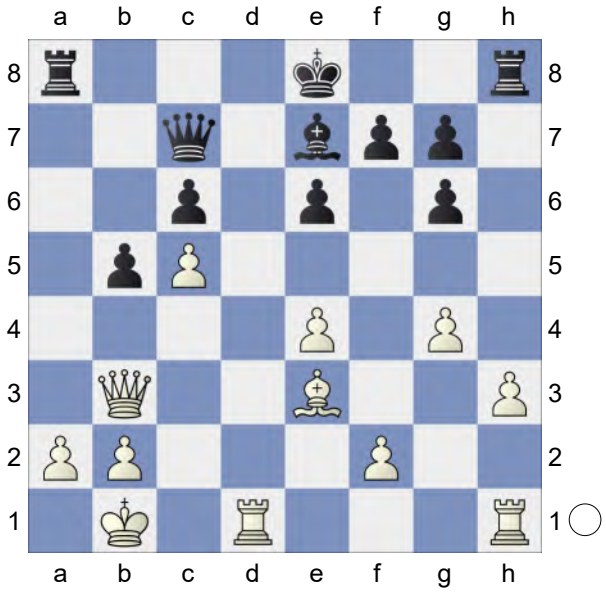
16.Nxg6± hxg6 17.d4

[17.h4!?± 0.61/20 17.d4 1.11 pressing forward on the kingside also made a lot of sense.]

17...a4! Caruana senses the moment and knows he has to create something to play for. Deflection **18.Nxa4 b5 19.Nc5** The sedate path and also the cleanest one when you've just been given a pawn.

[19.Nc3 0.53/23 19.Nc5 1.02 b4! 20.Ne2! 0-0 and maybe a timely ...c5 causes White to have to adapt to a change in pace.]

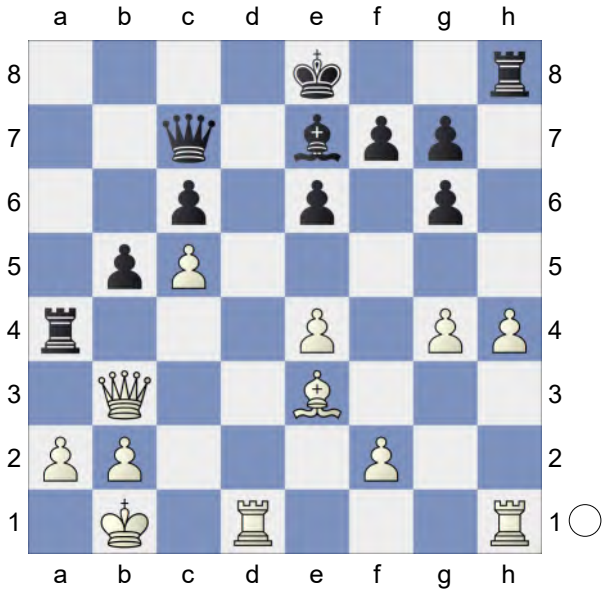
19...Nxc5 20.dxc5 Be7



21.h4?! 0.67/23 **Ra4?!** 2.35/23

[21...Qa7 0.90/21 21...Qe5 0.53 is very interesting, since the rote defence of the pawn with 22.Rc1

0.51/27 in some sense distracts the rook from getting to the h-file in the line *(22.Rd2± 0.90/21)* 22...Rxh4 23.Rxh4 Bxh4 24.g5 *(24.Rh1* anyway is also valid. *Bf6 25.Bf4* Hoping for g5. *e5! 26.Bc1→* and White has some attack, but not more. *)* 24...Qa4! 25.Qxa4 Rxa4 and maybe the subtle interplay between the two flanks is what both sides missed: the bishop can't be trapped cheaply because the rook comes across.]
[21...Qa7!± 0.67/23]



The essence of the position does lie in the 4th rank, but not in this way. **22.Bd4**
[Also valid is 22.h5! gxh5 23.gxh5 Rxe4 2.65/22 *(⌓23...Qe5* 1.84/22 *)* 24.Qd3± and Black's lack of king safety should tell in the long run.]
22...e5 3.09/22
[22...Qf4 1.74/22 23.f3 *(23.Bxg7 Rg8∓)* 23...0-0]

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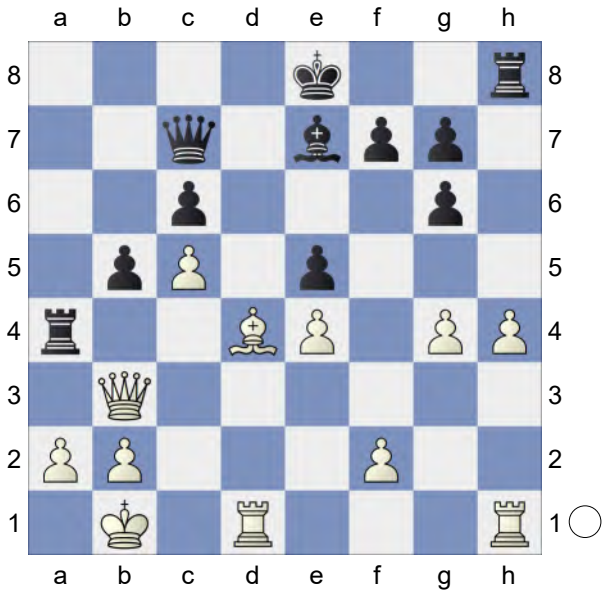

23.Qg3!+- Qa7? 5.38/22
[23...f6 2.45/21 keeps fighting.]
[23...Qc8 24.Qxe5]
24.Qxe5 Rxa2 25.Qxg7 Rf8 26.Qe5?? 0.20/17
[Things had been going swimmingly for White, but it was time to recognise that Black is also capable of making a mating threat- before it happened! With 26.Kc2 White could have capped off a very nice strategic win.]
[White should try 26.Kc2+- 5.32/19 Qd7 27.f3]
26...Qa4!= That's just it. A cold, crisp uppercut to remind White that their king is also mortal and it's high time to force a draw. The position is equal. **27.Qb8+ Bd8 28.Qe5+ Be7 29.Qb8+ Bd8 30.Qe5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.39 **30...Be7** In some ways, this could be seen as the karmic counterpoint to the final round where Caruana missed out.
½-½

79 **B30**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2749**
■ **Santos Latasa,Jaime** **2659**
XXXVII Magistral de León (2.4) 30.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

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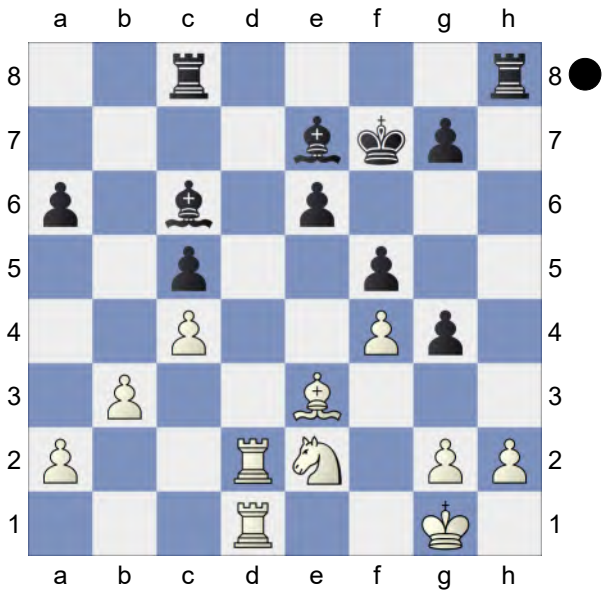
5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Be2 d5 8.exd5 White is slightly better. **8...Nxd5 9.d4 Be7 10.c4 Nf6 11.dxc5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 bxc5 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Na4** -0.01/19
[14.Be3± 0.51/18]
14...Rc8 0.50/23
[14...Nd7= -0.01/19]
15.Be3± Nb8 0.77/20
[15...Nd7± 0.31/20]
16.Ne5± White is more active. **16...Nbd7 17.Nxd7** 0.28/17
[17.Bf3± 0.72/21 Bxf3 18.Nxf3]
17...Nxd7= 18.Rd2 Bc6 19.Nc3 h5 20.Rad1 f5 Dodges Ne4 **21.f4 Nf6 22.b3 Kf7** 0.19/24
[22...Ng4 -0.18/24 was preferable. 23.Rd3 Kf7]
23.Bf3 -0.21/24
[⌓23.h3 0.19/24]
23...Ng4! 24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.Ne2



e5 0.32/21 **26.fxe5± g5** Wards off Nf4 **27.Nc3 f4 28.Bf2 Rh6** and ...Rch8 should not be overlooked **29.Nd5** Nxe7 is the strong threat. **29...Rch8 30.Nxe7 Rxh2 31.Bh4** 0.19/23
[31.Nxc6? Rh1#]
[31.Bxc5± 0.78/26 Rh1+ 32.Kf2 g3+ 33.Ke2 Bxg2 34.Nf5 *(34.Rxh1 Rxh1 35.Nf5 Kg6=)*]
This move loses the game for Black.

31...R8xh4? 6.43/23
[31...Rxg2+= 0.19/23 32.Rxg2 Bxg2 33.e6+ *(33.Bxg5? Be4-+; 33.Kxg2 f3+ 34.Kg3 gxh4+ 35.Kxg4 Kxe7±)* 33...Kxe7 34.Bxg5+ Kxe6 35.Kxg2 Kf5 36.Rd5+ Ke4]
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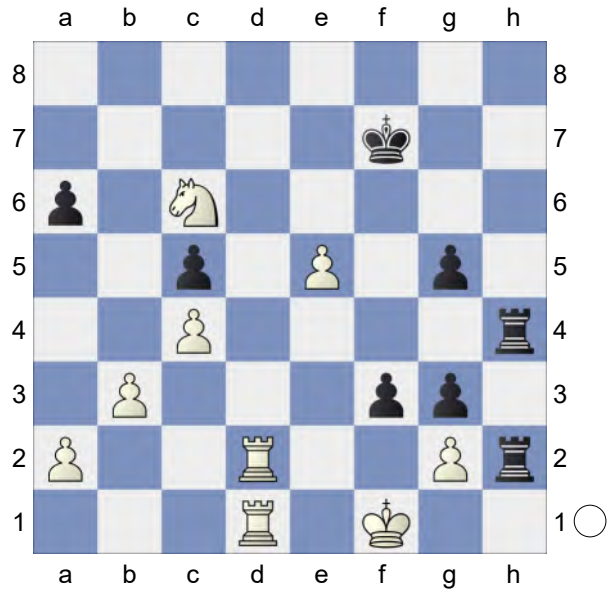

34.Rd7+!
[34.gxf3 Rxd2 35.Rxd2 *(35.e6+? Kxe6 36.Nd8+ Ke5-+)* 35...Rh1+ 36.Kg2 *(36.Ke2? Rh2+* Deflection *37.Kf1 Rxd2-+)* 36...Rh2+ 37.Kxg3 Rxd2-+]
34...Ke6 35.Re7+ Kf5 36.Rf7+
[36.gxf3 Rxa2 *(36...Rh1+ 37.Kg2=)* 37.Kg1 *(37.Rf7+* gets mated. *Kg6 38.Kg1 g2 39.Rd6+ Kxf7 40.Nd8+ Kg8 41.Rg6+ Kh7)* 37...g2 38.Rf7+ Kg6 39.Rd6+ *(39.Rf6+ Kh5)* 39...Kxf7 40.Nd8+ Kg8 *(40...Ke8 41.Re6+ Kxd8 42.Rd6+ Ke7 43.Rd7+* Decoy *Kxd7 44.e6+ Kxe6 45.f4 Rh1#)* 41.Rg6+ Kh7]
36...Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.57 **37.Re1+**
[Weaker is 37.gxf3+ Ke3 38.Re1+ Kd2 39.Rd7+ Kc3±]
1-0

80 **B30**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2733**
■ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2649**
FIDE World Bl Team Final (4.2) 05.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

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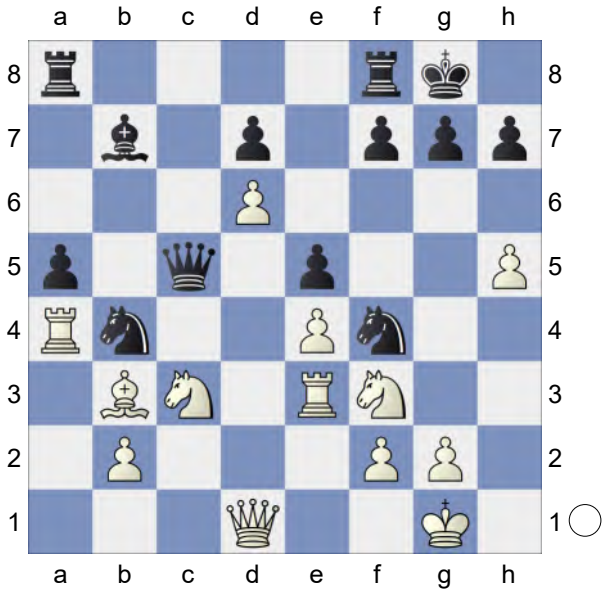
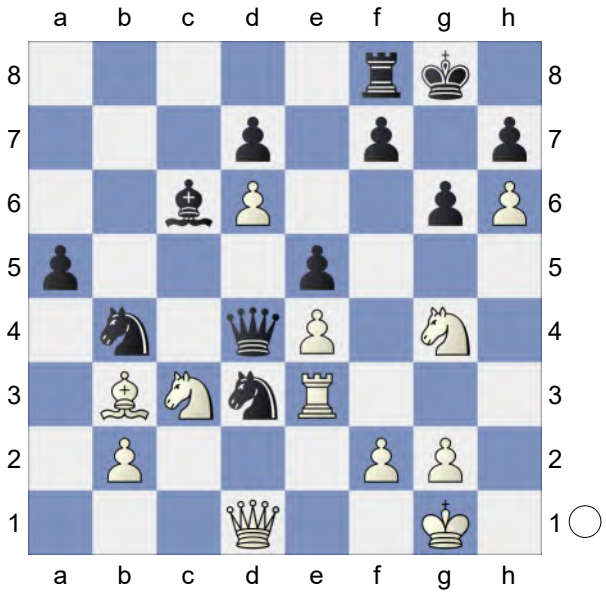
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 a6N
[5...d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 Bb7 8.a4 Ng6! 9.Re1 Be7 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 The position is equal. **11...Nb4** next ...Nxc2 is good for Black. **12.Bb3 0-0 13.Nc3 bxa4! 14.Rxa4 a5 15.d5 Bc5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 e5** 0.73/20
[17...Re8= 0.24/19 should be considered.]
18.d6 0.10/22
[18.Nd2!± 0.73/20]
18...Qb6 1.51/22
[18...Qf6= 0.10/22 keeps the balance.]
19.h4 Qc5 20.h5 0.98/19
[20.g3+- 1.72/23]
20...Nf4±



21.h6 0.57/20 **g6?** 3.03/23
[21...gxh6± 0.57/20 22.Ra1 Kh8]
22.Ra1+- Ra6 23.Na4 Qb5? 4.32/24
[23...Qxd6 2.50/22 24.Qxd6 Remove Defender Rxd6]
24.Rc1 Rc6 Inhibits Bc4. **25.Rxc6 Bxc6 26.Nc3 Qc5 27.Nh2?** 0.34/22
[Better is 27.g3+- 3.34/23]
27...Qd4 1.32/23
[27...Kh8!± 0.34/22]
28.Ng4 Nfd3? 5.51/21
[28...Kh8± 1.06/21 is more resistant.]



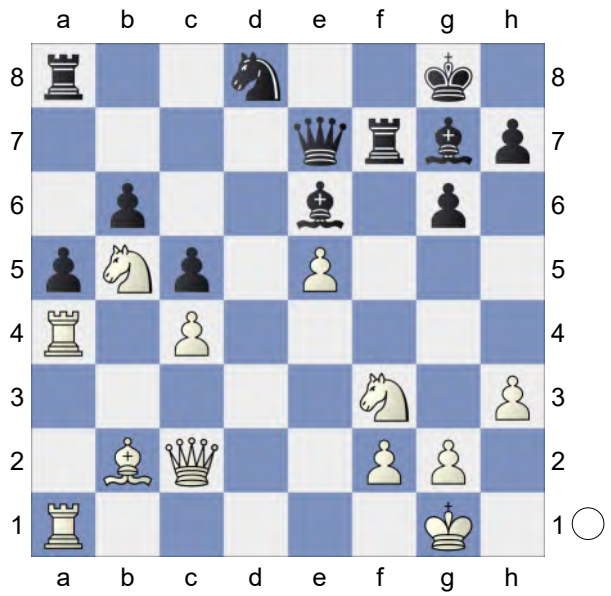
29.Nd5 2.46/22 **Bxd5?** 4.05/23
[29...Kh8 2.46/22 might work better.]
30.Bxd5
[30.exd5 f6 *(30...Qxb2 31.Nf6+ Kh8 32.Re2±; 30...f5? 31.Nxe5* Pin *f4 32.Rxd3+-)* 31.Bc2 Nxb2 32.Qxd4 exd4=]
30...Kh8 31.Qf3 -0.01/25
[31.Nf6+- 3.10/22]
31...f5 32.b3? -5.99/26
[32.exf5= 0.01/27 and White stays safe. gxf5 *(32...Qxd5? 33.Qxd5* Remove Defender *Nxd5 34.Rxd3+-; 32...Nxf2? 33.fxg6* Discovered Attack *Qd1+ 34.Qxd1+-)* 33.Be4 Pin, Double Attack]
32...Nf4-+ Excellent horsemanship. Black is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 32...fxg4 33.Qxf8#]
[Don't go for 32...Nxd5? 33.Rxd3 Qa1+ 34.Rd1+-]
33.Bc4 exf5 is the strong threat.
33...fxg4 34.Qxg4 Qxd6 35.Rf3 Nc6 36.g3 Nd4 37.Re3 Nfe6 38.Rd3 Qe7 Threatens to win with ...Qf6. **39.Qd1 d6 40.Rc3 Nc5 41.Bd5 Qg5 42.Kg2 Qxh6 43.Qe1 Qg5 44.Qd1 Qf6**

45.Qe1 h5 46.Qe3 Kg7 47.Qd2 h4 48.gxh4 Qxh4 (→ ...Rh8!) **49.Rg3** Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=1.07/Black=0.58 **49...Rh8 0-1**

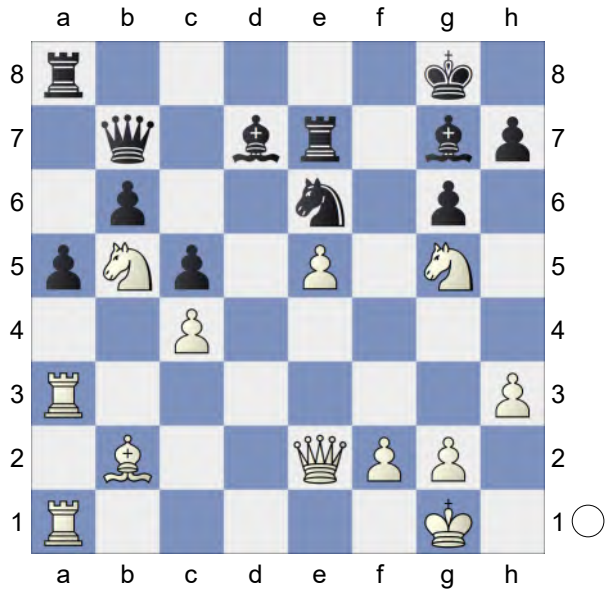
81 **B31**
□ **LeelaMultiPoss** **3098**
■ **AKS-Mantissa** **2631**
Blitz 08.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 b6 7.0-0 e5 8.a3 f6 White is slightly better. **9.b4 cxb4 10.axb4 Nh6 11.c4 0-0 12.Qc2 Nf7 13.Nbd2 Be6 14.Bb2 Qe7 15.Ra6 Bc8**
[15...Qxb4? 16.Ba3+-]
16.Ra2 Be6 17.Rfa1 Nd8 18.Nb3 Rf7 19.Ra6 0.50/20
[19.Bc1± 0.95/21]
19...Bc8!± 20.R6a2 -0.01/18 White is more active.
[20.Rxb6 Bb7 21.Rxb7 Qxb7=]
[White should try 20.R6a4± 0.76/22]
20...Be6!= 21.Ra6 -0.01/18
[21.Bc1± 1.04/20]
21...Bc8! 22.R6a4 Be6 23.R4a2 Bh6 1.41/21
[⌓23...Qf8 0.81/18]
24.d4!± Qxb4 25.Ra4
[25.dxe5 Qxc4 *(25...Bxc4 26.Ra3±)* 26.Qxc4 Bxc4∓]
25...Qe7 26.dxe5 Bg7 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.e5 Bg7 29.Nbd4 c5 30.Nb5↑ White is really pushing. **30...a5** 1.43/21
[⌓30...Rxf3 0.82/24 31.Qe4 *(31.gxf3 Qg5+ 32.Kh2 Nf7∓)* 31...Rf8 *(31...Rb3? 32.Qxa8 Rxb2 33.Rd1+-)* 32.Qxa8 Qd7]

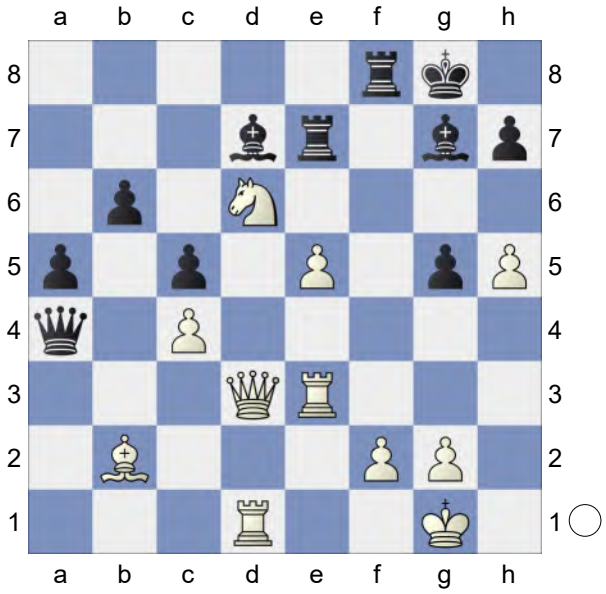
(Diagram)



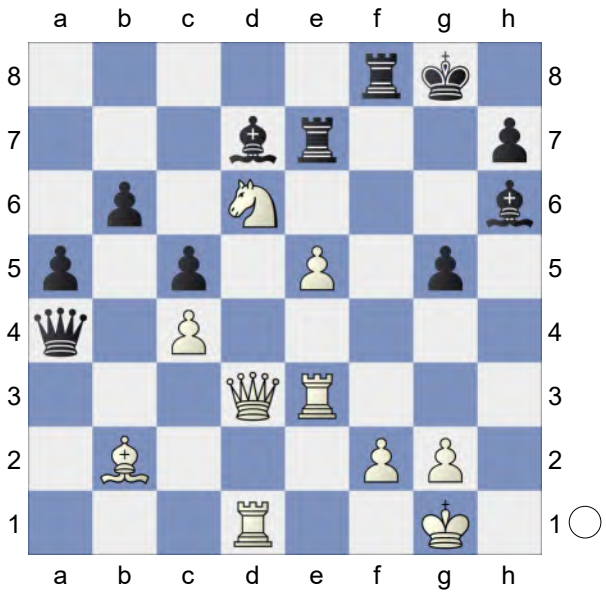
31.Qe4! Qb7 32.Qe2 Re7 1.76/22
[32...Rf4± 1.09/19]
33.Ng5+- Excellent horsemanship.
33...Bd7 2.14/22
[33...Bf5± 1.37/22 keeps fighting.]
34.R4a3 Ne6



35.Nxe6
[Inferior is 35.Nd6 Nf4 36.Qf1 Qc6=]
35...Bxe6 2.55/22
[⌓35...Rxe6 1.81/22 36.Nd6 Qc7]
36.Nd6 Qc6 37.Rd1 Rf8 38.h4 Rf4 39.h5 g5 40.Qc2 Bd7 41.Re3 Qa4
42.Qd3 Rf8? 7.98/22
[42...Bg4 3.22/20 43.Rb1 Qc6]



43.h6! Bxh6

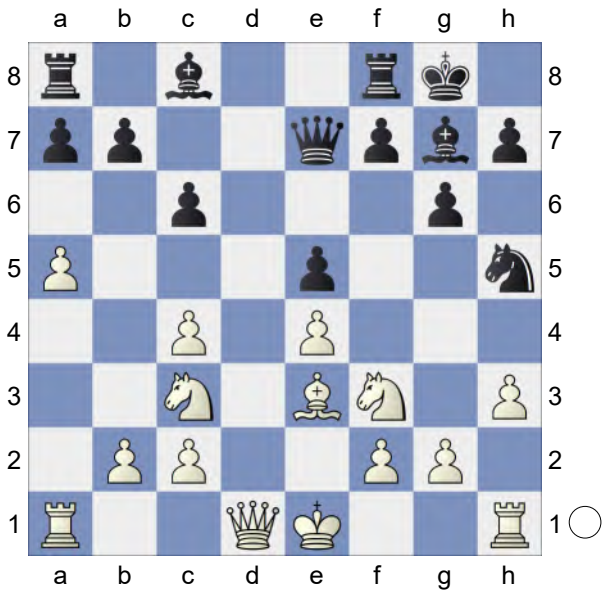


44.e6! Bxe6
[44...Rxe6 45.Qd5]
45.Qe2 Bxc4 46.Nxc4 Rxe3 47.Nxe3 Hoping for Ng4. **47...Bg7 48.Bxg7 Kxg7 49.Ng4** 11.34/22
[⌓49.Nf5+ 36.01/23 Kg6 50.Ne7+ Kf7 51.Qh5+ Kxe7 52.Qxh7+ Ke6 53.Qg6+ Skewer, Double Attack Rf6 54.Re1+ *(54.Qxg5?* loses. *Qxd1+*

55.Kh2 Qd4-+) 54...Kd5 55.Qxg5+ *(55.Qxf6 Qc2+-)* 55...Kc4 56.Re4+ *(56.Qxf6 Qc2+-)* 56...Kb5 57.Rxa4]
49...Qe8 50.Qb2+ Kg6 51.Rd6+ Kh5 52.Ne3 Qg6 53.g4+ Kh6 54.Qe5 c4 55.Nf5+ Rxf5 56.gxf5 Pin **56...Qxd6 57.Qxd6+ Kh5 58.f3 g4 59.Qf4** White mates. **59...gxf3 60.Kf2 c3 61.Kg3 c2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.56 **62.Qh4#**
1-0

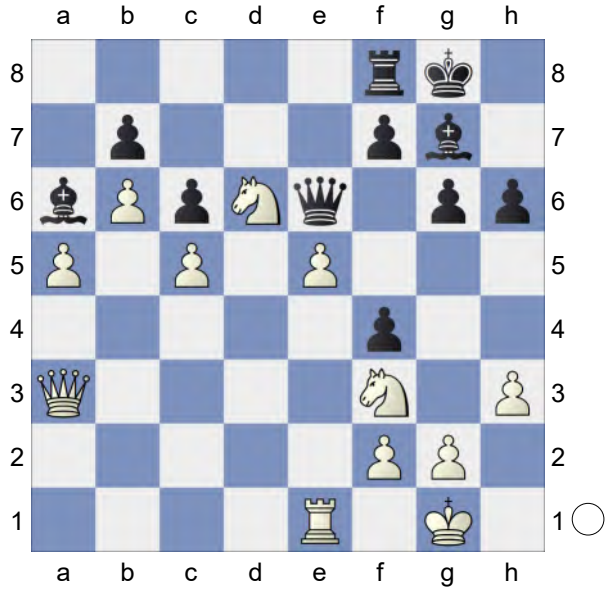
82 **B31**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3241**
■ **admete_bot** **2463**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.a4 e5 9.Be3 Qe7 White is slightly better. **10.a5 c4 11.dxc4** White stays focused until the end. **11...Nh5** 0.98/21
[11...Be6± 0.53/22 feels stronger.]

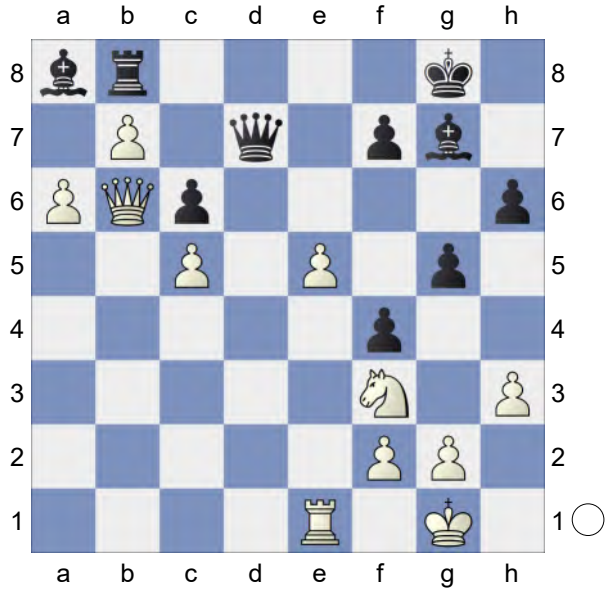


12.0-0!± White is more active. **12...Be6 13.c5 Rad8** Against Qd6 **14.Qc1 Bc4 15.Re1 Ba6 16.b4 Qc7** 1.94/21
[16...Rd7± 1.29/20 17.Qb2 Nf6]
17.Qb2+- Bc4 2.48/21
[17...Nf6 1.78/21 18.Qc1 Qe7]
18.b5 Nf4? 3.83/24
[18...Bxb5 2.19/21 19.Nxb5 cxb5]
19.b6 axb6 20.cxb6 Qc8 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qb4 Ba6 23.e5 Qf5 24.Ne4

Rd5 5.99/23
[24...Bxe5 4.25/21 was necessary. 25.Nxe5 Qxe5]
25.c4 Rd3 26.Nd6 A dynamic duo of knights. **26...Qd7 27.Ra3 Rxa3 28.Qxa3 h6 29.c5 Qe6**



30.Nxb7! Remove Defender, Promotion **30...Bxb7 31.a6 Ba8 32.Qb4 g5 33.b7** Trapped Piece **33...Rb8 34.Qb6** Qa7 is the strong threat. **34...Qd7**



35.e6! Promotion **35...fxe6 36.Qa7 Qd8 37.Rxe6 Bxb7 38.axb7 Kh7 39.Rxc6 Qd1+ 40.Kh2 Qd8 41.Re6 Kg8 42.c6 g4 43.hxg4 Kf7 44.Qa2 Kf8 45.Qc4 Qc7 46.Qc5+ Kf7 47.Qd5 Kf8 48.Rd6 Bb2 49.Rd7 Qxd7 50.Qxd7** Intending c7 and mate. **50...Kg8 51.c7** White mates. **51...Rf8 52.c8R Ba3 53.Ne5 Be7 54.Qxe7 Rxc8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=1.21 **55.bxc8Q# 1-0**

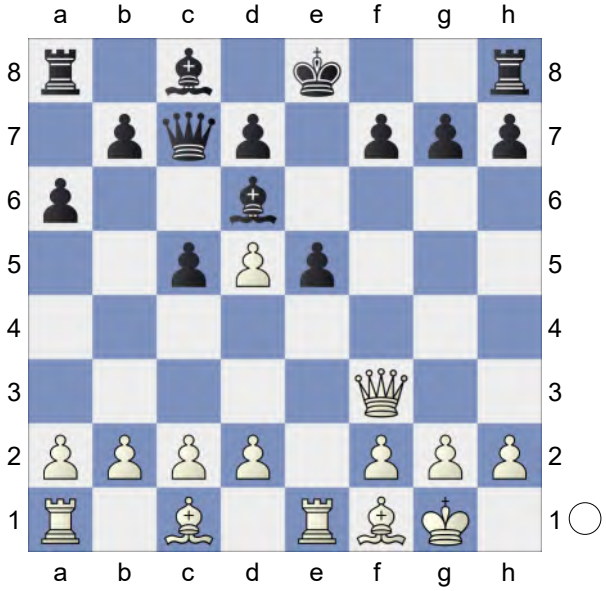
83 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2734**
■ **Zhigalko,S.** **2572**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Early blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5

19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 a6 7.Bf1 e5 8.Nd5 Wards off Be7 **8...Nxd5 9.exd5** White is slightly better. **9...Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Bd6** 1.29/21

[10...d6± 0.57/22]



Black is weak on the light squares **11.b3** 0.66/22 White is more active.

[11.d4!± 1.29/21 cxd4 12.Bd3]

11...0-0 1.48/23

[Better is 11...Be7± 0.66/22]

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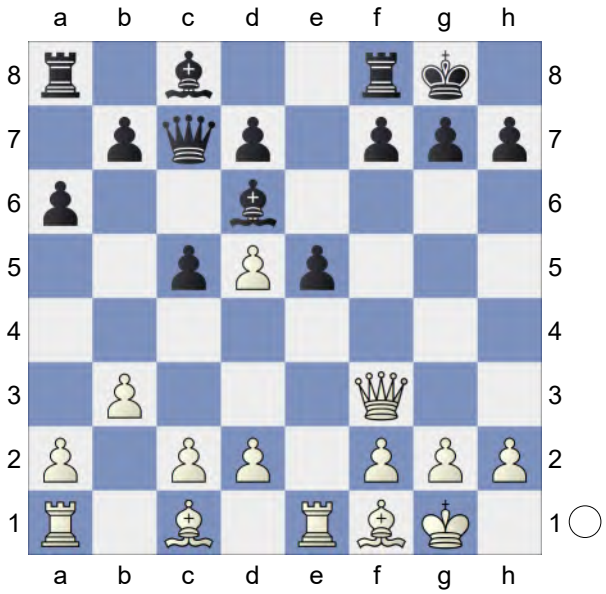

12.Bb2!± f5 2.11/21

[12...Rb8± 1.54/20]

13.Qg3+- f4 14.Qg5→ White has strong attack. **14...Qd8 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 d6 18.Re7** Hoping for Bd3. Black cannot hold the game after this. **18...Bf5** 2.92/20

[18...Kf8± 1.16/21 19.Rae1 Bd7]

19.Rxb7 Bxc2? 5.55/24

[19...a5 2.86/21 was necessary. 20.Bb5 Bxc2]

20.d3 c4 21.dxc4 Re8 22.Rc1 Bf5 23.Rb6 Red8 24.f3 a5 25.Kf2 Rab8 26.Rxb8 Rxb8 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is two pawns up. **27.c5 a4 28.c6 axb3 29.axb3 Rxb3 30.c7 Rb2+ 31.Kg1 Bc8 32.Rc6 Kf7 33.Ba6 Rb1+ 34.Kf2 Rb2+ 35.Ke1 Rb1+ 36.Kd2 Bxa6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.47 **37.Rxa6 1-0**

84 **B31**
□ **Nadigraj** **2747**
■ **QuarterPawn** **2719**
Blitz 13.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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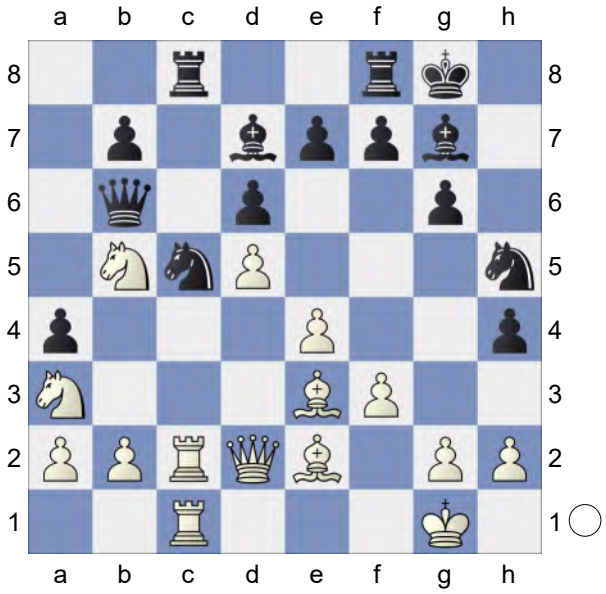
4.c3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d5 Nb8 White is better. **9.0-0 d6 10.Nd4** -0.01/21
[10.h3± 0.74/20]
10...a6 0.87/21
[10...Qb6!= -0.01/21]
11.Be2± Nbd7 12.Be3 White is more active. **12...Nc5 13.f3 a5** 1.33/23
[⌓13...e6 0.76/22]
14.Qd2 Bd7 15.Rac1 Rc8 1.38/19
[⌓15...a4 0.99/19]
16.Ndb5 0.89/21
[White should play 16.b3 1.38/19]
16...a4 17.Nb1 Qb6 1.13/21
[17...Bxb5± 0.64/20 18.Bxb5 Ne8]
18.N1a3 h5 19.Rc2 h4 20.Rfc1 Nh5 1.57/19
[⌓20...Qd8 1.12/20 21.Bf1 Nh7]



21.e5 0.78/22 **Bxe5**

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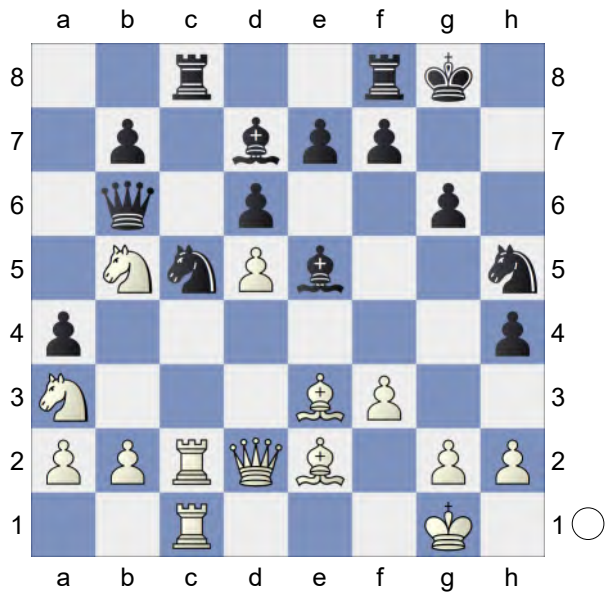
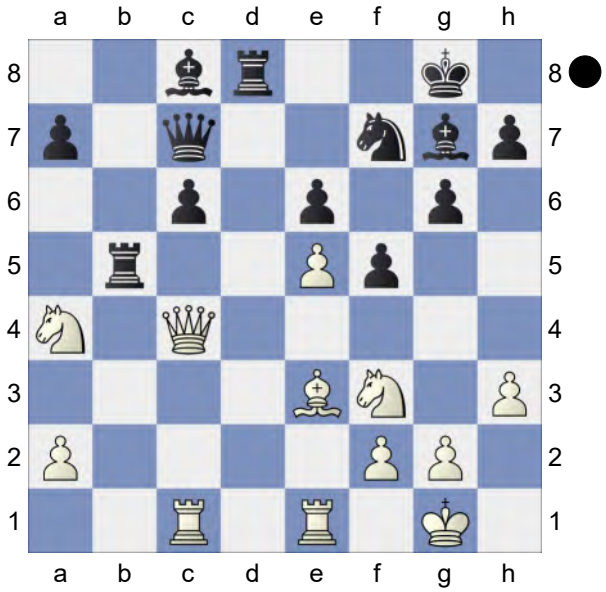


22.Nc4! Qa6
[22...Qxb5? 23.Nxe5 Qb6 24.Nxd7+-]
[22...Bxh2+? 23.Kxh2 Qa6 *(23...Qxb5? 24.Ne5+-)* 24.Nca3+-]
23.Nbxd6 Remove Defender This move loses the game for Black. **23...exd6** 4.00/23
[23...Bxd6± 0.92/23 is tougher. 24.Nxd6 Qxd6 25.Bxc5 *(25.Rxc5 Rfe8±)* 25...Qf4]
24.Nxe5+- Bb5 25.Bxb5 Qxb5 26.Ng4 1.78/21
[⌓26.Nc4 3.41/22 Rfd8 27.Bg5]
26...Rfe8? 7.89/21
[26...Rce8 1.78/21 27.Rc4 h3]
27.Bd4 Strongly threatening Qh6.
27...Rf8 28.Qh6 f6 29.Qxg6+ Ng7 30.Nxf6+ Kh8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=1.07 **31.Qh7#**
1-0

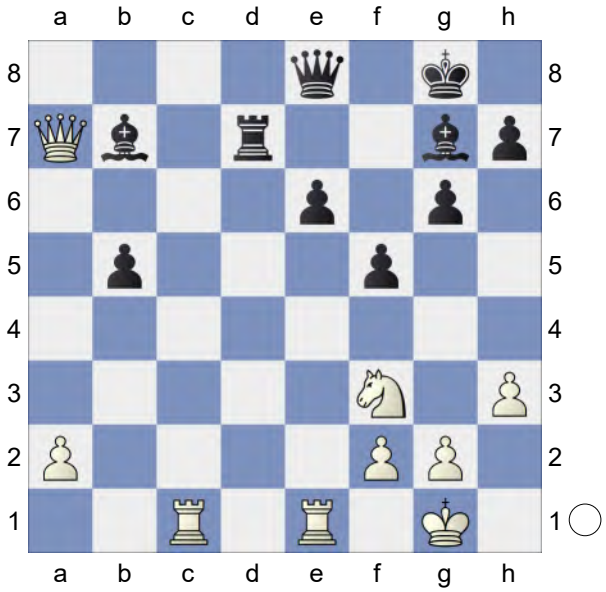
85 **B31**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3207**
■ **admete_bot** **2472**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.d3 Rb8 9.Qa4 Qc7 10.h3 White has an edge. **10...d6 11.d4 cxd4**

12.cxd4 f5 13.e5 Nf7 14.Nc3 dxe5 15.dxe5 e6
[15...Nxe5? 16.Nxe5 Rb7 *(16...Bxe5? 17.Rxe5 Qxe5 18.Bf4+- Skewer)* 17.Qc4+ *(17.Nxc6 e5+-)* 17...e6 18.Nf3+- *(18.Nxc6 Rb6+-)*]
16.Qc4 Rd8
[16...Nxe5? 17.Nxe5 c5 *(17...Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Qxe5 19.Bf4+- Skewer)* 18.Qe2+-]
17.Be3 Inhibits c5. **17...Rxb2 18.Na4 Rb5 19.Rac1!**



White has compensation. **19...Rbd5** 0.54/23
[19...Nxe5 20.Qxb5 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3±]
[19...Ra5!= 0.15/24]
20.Nc3!±
[20.Qxc6 Qxc6 21.Rxc6 g5= *(21...Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Bxa7∓)*]
20...Ra5 21.Nb5↑ Black is under strong pressure. This move loses the game for Black. **21...Qe7** 2.85/22
[21...Rxb5? 22.Qxb5 *(22.Qxc6? Qxc6 23.Rxc6 Nxe5-+)* 22...Nxe5 23.Nxe5 cxb5 24.Rxc7+-]
[21...Qd7± 0.71/24 22.Nbd4 c5]
22.Bc5+-
[22.Qxc6? Bd7 *(22...Rxa2 23.Nd6±)* 23.Qc7 Rxb5-+]
22...cxb5 23.Qb4 Qe8
[Of course not 23...Qc7 24.Be7 Qb7 25.Bxd8 *(25.Qxa5 Qxe7 26.Rc7 Qe8∓)*]
24.Qxa5 Black is weak on the dark squares **24...Bb7 25.Bd6**
[Not 25.Bxa7 Bxf3 26.gxf3 Nxe5=]
25...Nxd6 26.exd6 Rxd6 27.Qxa7 Rd7



Strongly threatening ...Bxf3. **28.Qb6 Bd5 29.Qxb5 Qd8 30.Qa6** Threatens to win with Rc8. **30...Bf8 31.Rc8 Qe7 32.Qe2 Rd6** 6.72/22
[⌓32...Ra7 4.08/21 33.Qe5 Qg7]
33.Rec1 Rd8 34.Qe5 Rxc8 35.Rxc8 Qb7 36.Qc3 Bxf3 37.gxf3 Endgame KQR-KQB **37...Qe7 38.a4 Qg5+ 39.Kf1 Qe7 40.a5 f4 41.a6 h5 42.Rc7 Qe8 43.Qe5 Qd8 44.a7 Be7 45.a8Q Qxa8 46.Qxe6+** White mates. **46...Kh7 47.Qxe7+ Kh6 48.Qg7+ Kg5 49.Qe5+ Kh6 50.Qxf4+ g5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=0.87 **51.Qf6#**
1-0

86 **B31**
□ **Rubichess** **3508**
■ **Stoofvlees Ii B5** **3492**
TCEC 25 Premier 2023 (58.2) 06.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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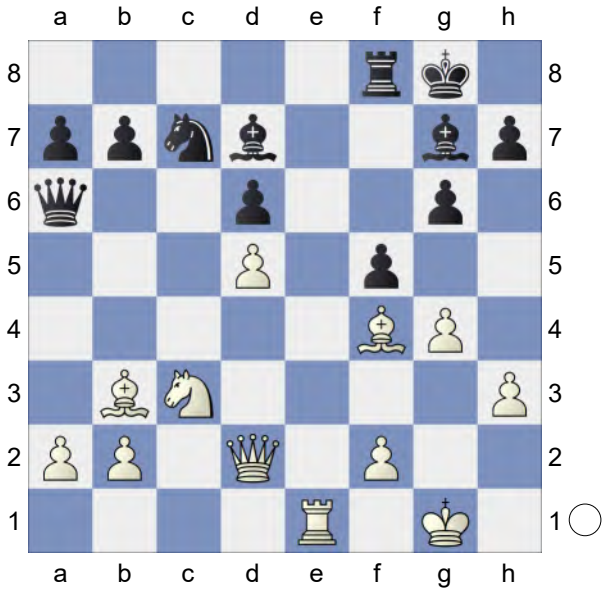
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Qb6 6.Ba4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.d4 cxd4 White is better. **9.Bb3 Nc7 10.cxd4 0-0 11.Be3 Qa6 12.Nc3 d6 13.exd6 exd6 14.d5 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Rc1 Bf5 17.h3 Bg7 18.Re1** 0.85/22
[White should play 18.g4 1.22/22 Bd7 19.Ne4]
18...Rae8 1.61/23
[18...Rfe8± 0.85/22]
19.g4+- Bd7 20.Qd2 Re5 2.13/25
[20...Qa5± 1.12/22]
21.Bf4 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 f5



23.Re6! Ne8 24.Re7 Rf7 25.Qe1 Nc7 26.gxf5
[26.g5 Bd4±]
26...Bxf5 27.Rxf7 Kxf7 28.Ne4 Bxe4 29.Qxe4 Bf6 Wards off Bg5 **30.Bg3** This pair of bishops is nice. **30...Kf8**

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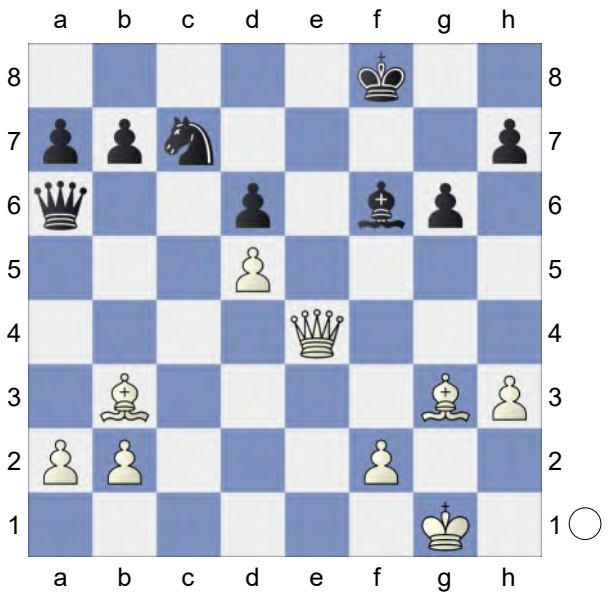
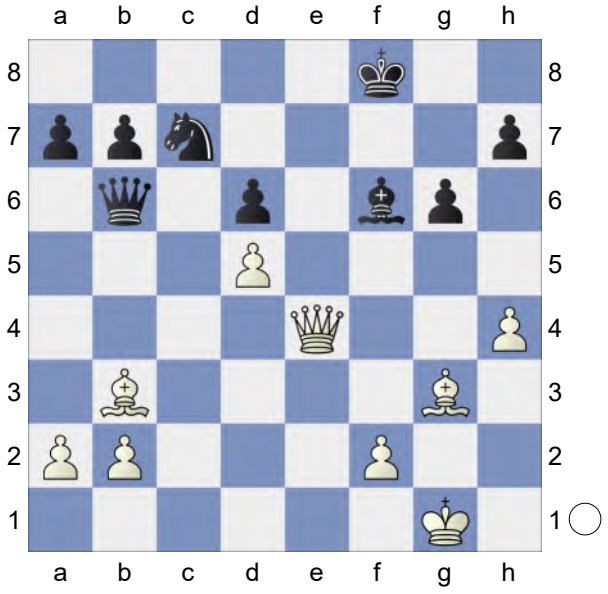


31.h4! Qb6 3.59/25
[31...Ne8 2.40/23 might work better. 32.Qe6 *(32.h5 gxh5 33.Qf5 Qb6±)* 32...b5]



32.h5! Qc5 33.hxg6 hxg6 34.Qxg6 Ke7 35.Ba4 b5

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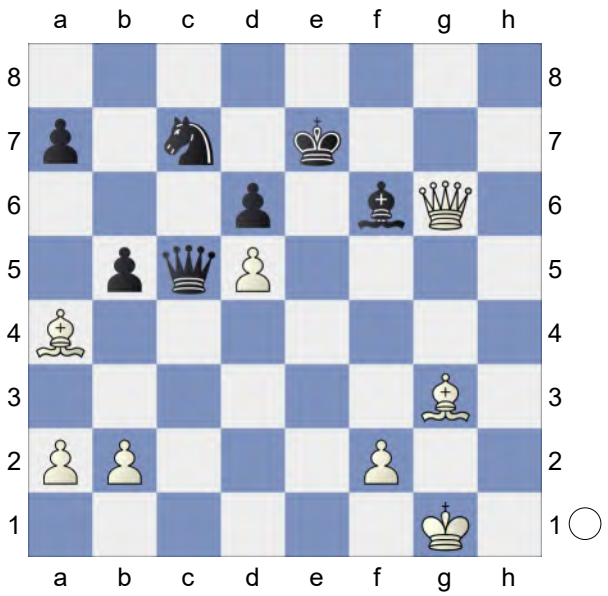
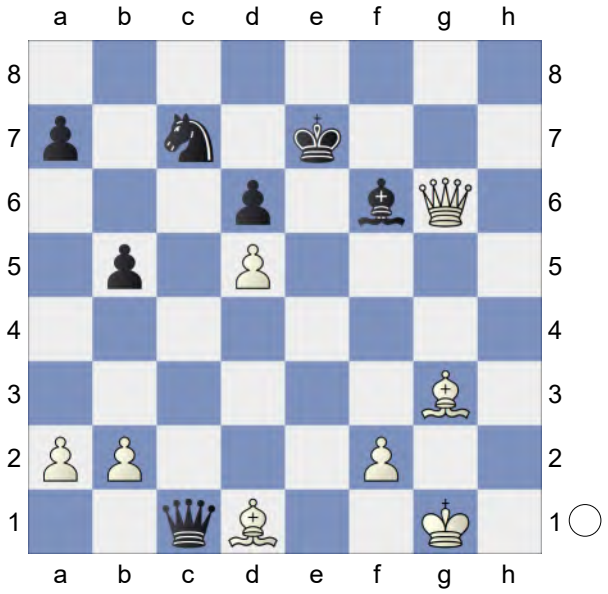


36.Bd1 Qc1



37.Bxd6+! Decoy **37...Kxd6 38.Qxf6+** Endgame KQB-KQN. White is two pawns up. **38...Kd7 39.Qf3 Kd6 40.Kg2 Nxd5 41.Qf8+ Kc7 42.Bg4 Qg5 43.Qc5+ Kd8 44.Qd6+ Ke8 45.Qb8+ Kf7 46.Qxa7+ Kf6 47.Qd4+ Kf7 48.Kf1 Qc1+ 49.Bd1 Nf4 50.Ke1 b4 51.Qe4**
[51.Qxb4? Nd3+ 52.Ke2 Nxb4-+]
51...Kf6 52.Qc2
[52.Qxb4? Nd3+ 53.Ke2 Nxb4-+]
52...Qa1 53.Qc4 Ke5 54.Qc5+

[54.Qxb4? Nd3+ *(54...Qxa2? 55.Qb8+ Kf5 56.Qf8+ Ke4 57.f3+ Kd5 58.Qf5+ Kc6 59.Qxf4+-)* 55.Ke2 Nxb4-+]

54...Ke6 55.Qe3+

[55.Qxb4? loses. Nd3+ 56.Kd2 Nxb4-+]

55...Kf5 56.Kd2 and Bc2+ would now be decisive **56...Nd5 57.Bc2+ Kf6 58.Qd4+ Ke7 59.Qe5+ Kf8 60.Qxd5 Ke7** Prevents Qd8+ **61.Qc5+** 35.09/26

[⌓61.Qe5+ #21/23 Kd7 62.Bf5+ Kc6 63.Qf6+ Kc7 64.Qe7+ Kb6 65.Qxb4+ Kc6 66.Qc4+ Kd6 67.Qe6+ Kc7 68.Qe7+ Kb6 69.Qd8+ Kb5 70.Bd3+ Kc6 71.Be4+ Kb5 72.Qd7+ Kb6 73.Qc6+ Ka5 74.Qc7+ Ka4 75.Bc6+ Kb4 76.Qb6+ Kc4 77.b3#]

61...Ke8 62.Ba4+ Kf7 63.Bb3+ Kg6 64.Qd6+ Kh7 65.Qe7+ Kh6 66.Qf6+ Kh7 67.Qf7+ Kh6 68.Bc2 Kg5 69.Qg6+ Kh4 70.Qg3+ Kh5 71.f4 Qg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise) **72.Qh3# 1-0**

87 **B31**

□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3228**

■ **admete_bot** **2458**

Rapid 29.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

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4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 f6 7.c3 Nh6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nf7 10.h3 White is more active. **10...0-0 11.Nc3 Rb8** White is slightly better. **12.Rb1 Qc7** 0.95/20

[12...d6± 0.54/19 deserves consideration.]

13.b4 Ba6 1.18/19

[Black should play 13...d6 0.73/17]

14.Bd2 e6 15.Rc1 Qb7 1.89/20

[15...Rxb4? 16.Nd5 exd5 17.Bxb4+-]

[15...Bb7± 1.20/18 might work better. 16.Qa4 Qc8]

16.Na4+- d6 2.21/21

[⌓16...Qc7 1.72/19 17.Qb3 Rfd8]

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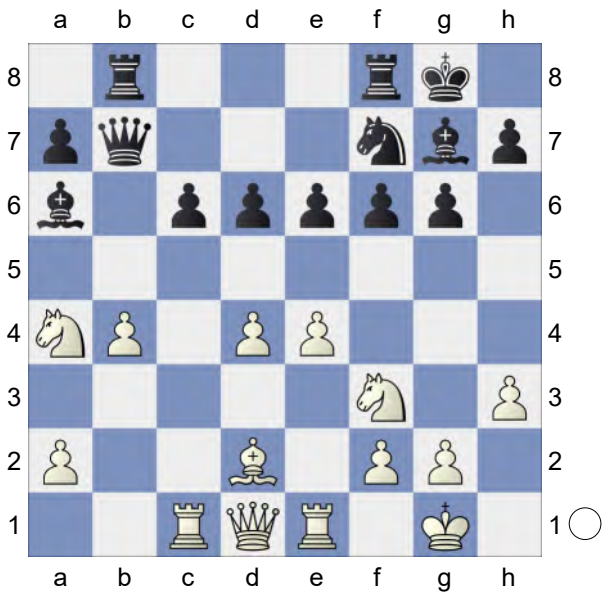
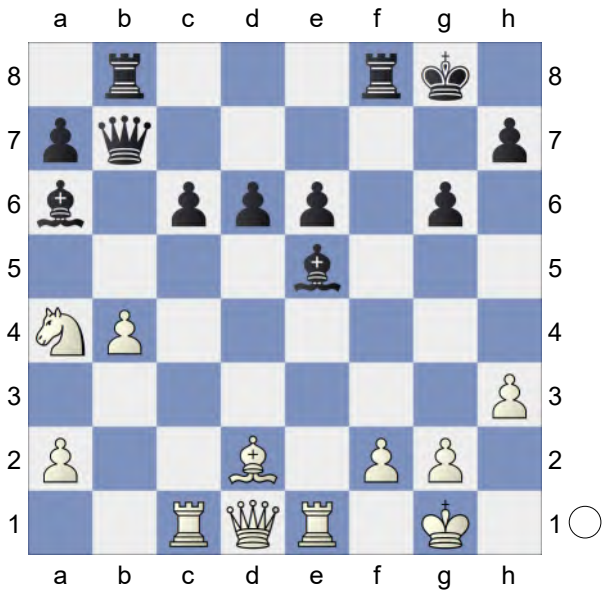


Dodges Nc5 **17.e5!** and exd6 would now be decisive **17...fxe5**
[17...Qe7 18.exd6]
18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5



20.Nc5! Double Attack **20...Bh2+**
[20...dxc5 21.Rxe5]
21.Kxh2 dxc5

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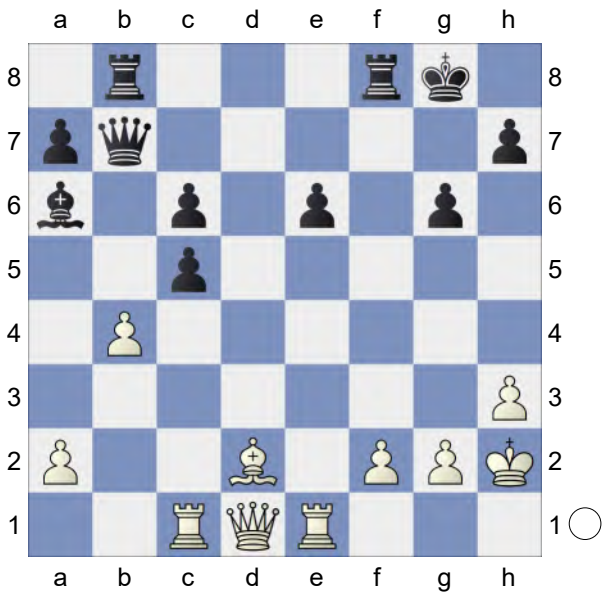

22.Bh6!
[22.bxc5 Rxf2 23.Bc3 *(23.Rxe6? Rd8-+)* 23...Rbf8±]
[22.Rxe6 Qd7 23.Qe1 Rfe8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8±]
[22.Rxc5 Rxf2 23.Be3 *(23.Rxe6 Qc7+ 24.Ree5 Bf1=)* 23...Rf7±]
22...Rxf2 23.Qd6 Prevents Qc7
[23.bxc5 Qc7+ 24.Qd6 Qxd6+ 25.cxd6 Rbb2±]
23...cxb4? 6.29/24
[23...Rc8 3.13/27 24.Rxe6 *(24.bxc5 Qf7∓; 24.Qxe6+ Qf7±)* 24...Qb8]
24.Rxe6
[24.Qxe6+ Rf7±]
24...c5 25.Qg3
[25.Qxa6? Qxg2#]
25...Rxa2 26.Rce1
[Not 26.Rxc5 Bf1±]
26...Be2 27.Qe5 Double Attack
27...Bb5 28.Re4 Intending Re7! and mate.
[28.Qxc5? Qxg2#]
28...Rf2 29.Re7 Qxe7 30.Qxe7 Rf7 31.Qd6 White mates. **31...Rbf8 32.Re7 Rf5 33.Qe6+ R8f7 34.Rxf7 Rxf7 35.Qc8+ Be8 36.Qxe8+ Rf8**
Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.83 **37.Qxf8#**
1-0

88	**B31**
☐ **ProteusSFX-AI**	**3230**
■ **admete_bot**	**2457**
Rapid	29.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

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4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.a4 e5 9.Be3 Qe7 White is slightly better. **10.a5 c4 11.dxc4** Black is now going downhill. **11...Nh5** 0.98/19
[11...Be6!± 0.42/20]
12.0-0± White is more active. **12...Be6 13.c5 Rad8** Inhibits Qd6. **14.Qc1 Bc4** 1.24/21
[Black should try 14...a6 0.85/20]
15.Re1 Ba6 1.57/21
[⌓15...Rd7 1.03/21]
16.Rb1 Rfe8 1.71/21
[16...Qe6± 1.30/21 17.Bh6 f6]
17.b4+- Qc7 2.27/19
[17...Rd7± 1.37/19 18.Qb2 Bc4]
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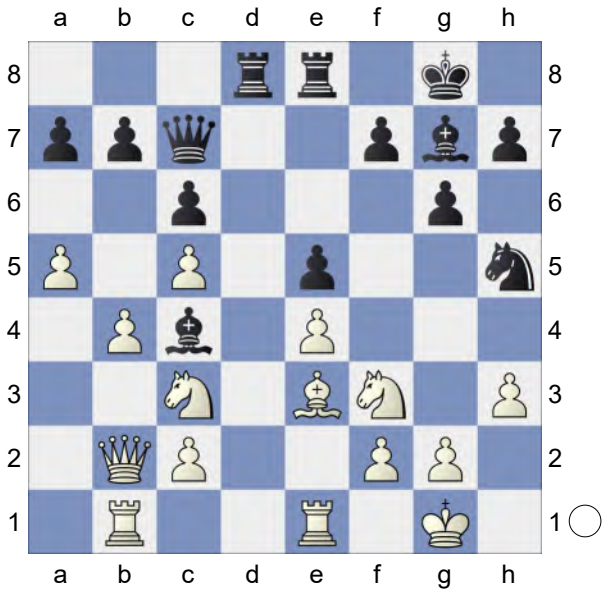
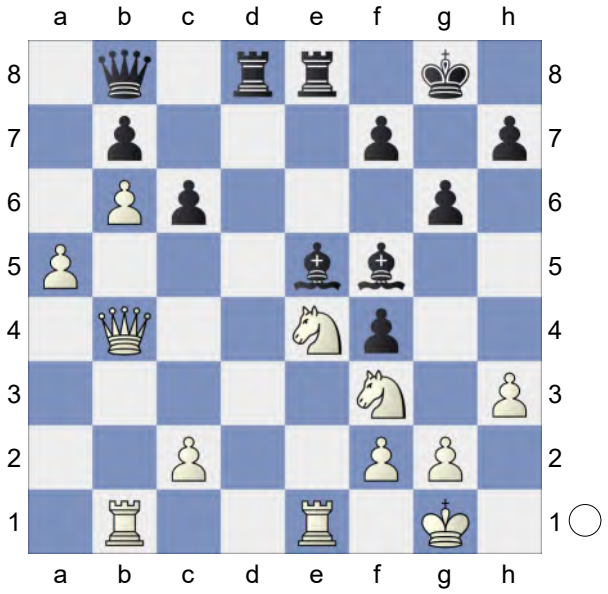
[18...Nf6 1.89/19 19.Rbd1 Bc4]

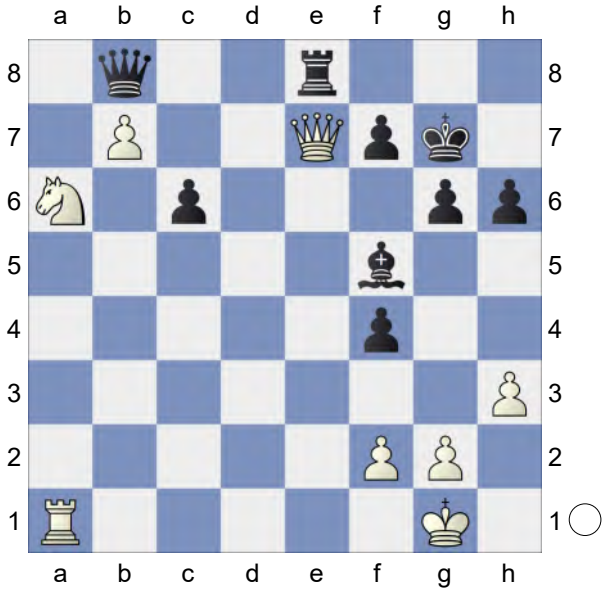


19.b5! Nf4 20.Qb4 Be6 3.95/19
[20...cxb5 2.14/21 was called for. 21.Nxb5 Bxb5 22.Qxb5 Ne6]
21.b6 Qb8 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.e5 axb6 24.cxb6
[24.axb6 Bd5±]
24...Bf5 25.Ne4 Excellent

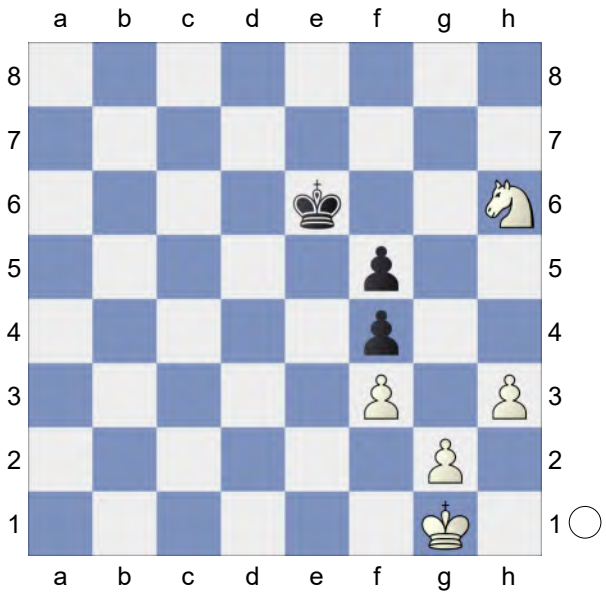
horsemanship.
[Weaker is 25.Qxf4 Bxc2 26.Rbc1 Bf5±]
25...Bxe5



26.a6! bxa6 27.Nxe5 Rxe5 28.Nc5 a5 29.Qxa5 Bxc2 30.Rxe5 Bxb1 31.b7 Bf5 32.Re1 Rf8 33.Qc3 Qd6 34.Ra1 Qb8 35.Qf6 h6 36.Qe7 Strongly threatening Qxf8+!. **36...Kg7 37.Na6 Re8**

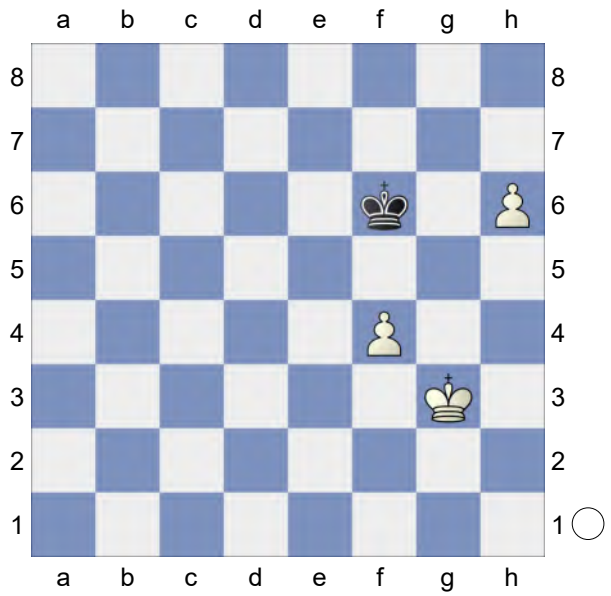


38.Qxe8!! Remove Defender, Promotion
38...Qxe8 39.b8Q
[39.b8B? is the wrong capture. f3 40.g3 Bxh3-+]
39...Qxb8 40.Nxb8 c5 41.Rc1 Kf6 42.Rxc5 Ke6 43.f3 Kf6 44.Nc6 Ke6 45.Nd4+ Kd6 46.Rxf5 gxf5 47.Nxf5+ Ke6 48.Nxh6 f5



49.Nxf5! Kxf5 Endgame
[49...Kd5 50.Kf2]
50.h4 Kf6 51.g4 fxg3 KPP-KP. White is a pawn up. **52.f4** 27.27/24
[⌓52.Kg2 #17/36 Kg6 53.Kxg3 Kf6 54.Kg4 Ke7 55.f4 Kf6 56.f5 Kg7 57.Kg5]
52...Kg7 53.Kg2 Kg6 White mates.
54.Kxg3 KP-KP. White is two pawns up.
54...Kf5 55.h5 Ke6 56.h6 Kf6

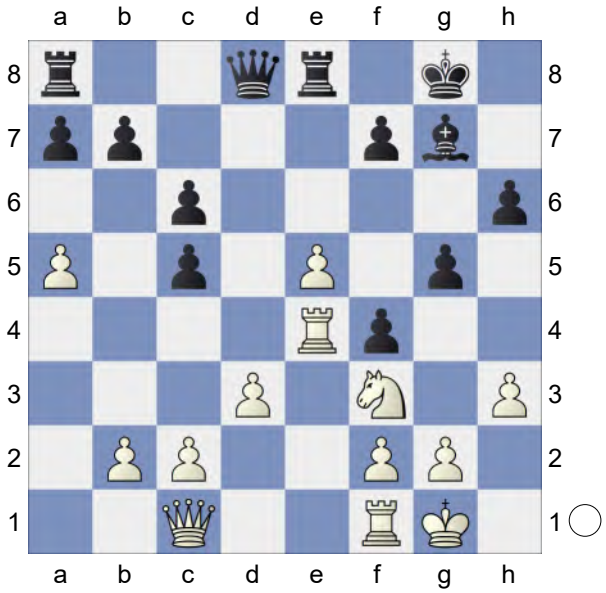
(Diagram)



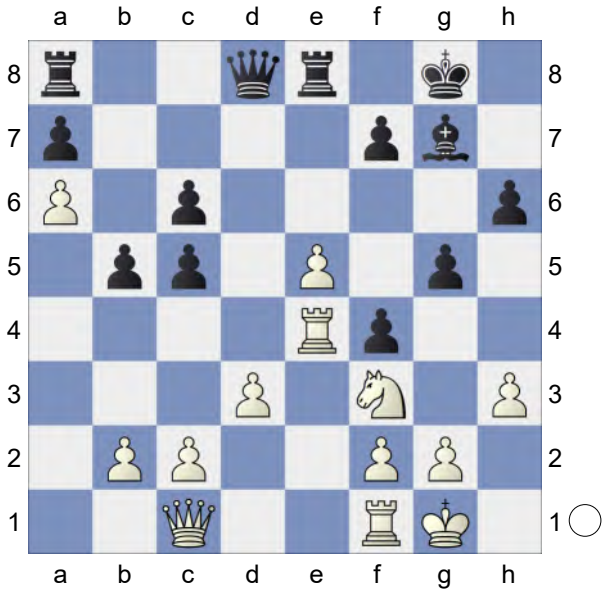
57.f5! Promotion **57...Kxf5** KP-K. White is a pawn up.
[57...Kf7 58.Kf4]
58.h7 Ke5 59.h8Q+ Kd6 60.Kf4 Kc5 61.Qa8 Kb4 62.Qc6 Ka5 63.Ke4 Kb4 64.Kd3 Ka5 65.Qb7 Ka4 66.Kc4 Ka3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.84 **67.Qb3#**
1-0

89 **B31**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3187**
■ **admete_bot** **2476**
Rapid 29.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

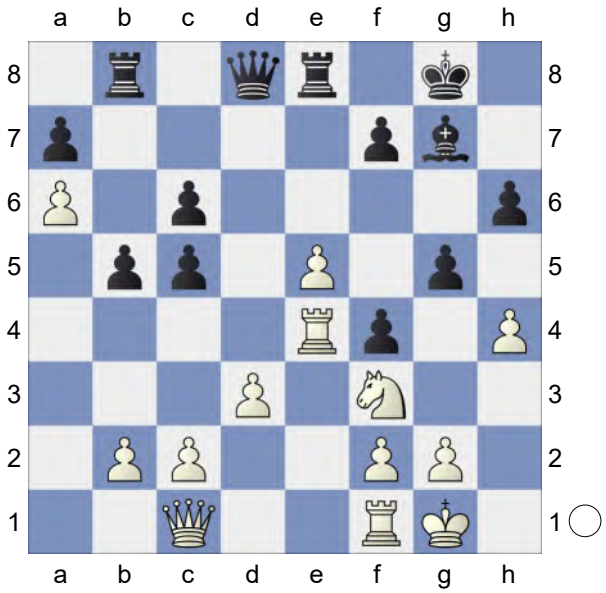
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.a4 e5 9.a5 Nh5 White is slightly better. **10.0-0 Nf4 11.Bxf4! exf4 12.e5 Bf5 13.Ra4 Re8 14.Qc1 g5 15.Ne4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4 h6**



17.a6! b5
[17...bxa6 18.Rfe1]



18.h4! White is more active. **18...Rb8** 2.43/26
[18...Re6± 1.50/25]
[18...f6 19.exf6]



19.Rfe1!+- Re6
[19...g4 20.Nh2]
20.b4 g4 21.Nh2 g3

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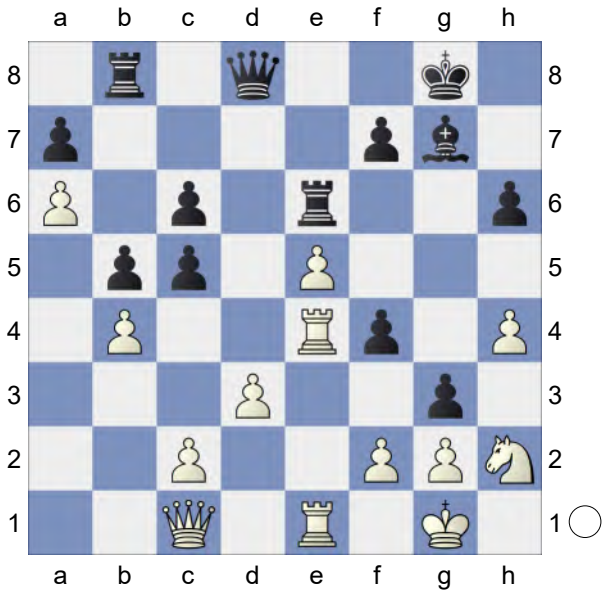
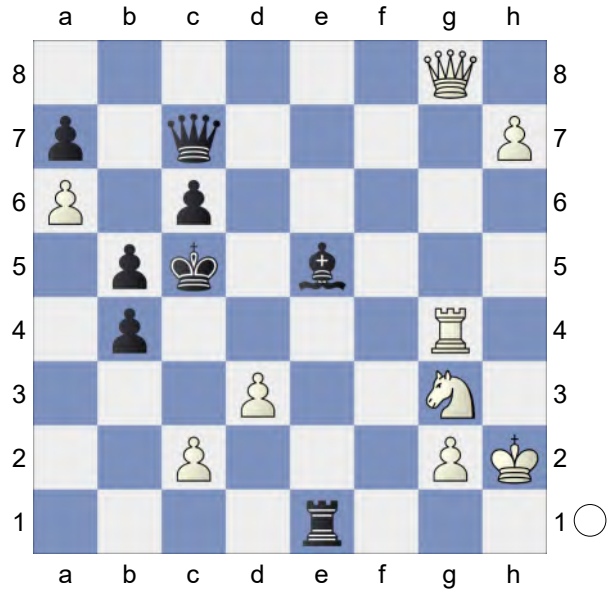


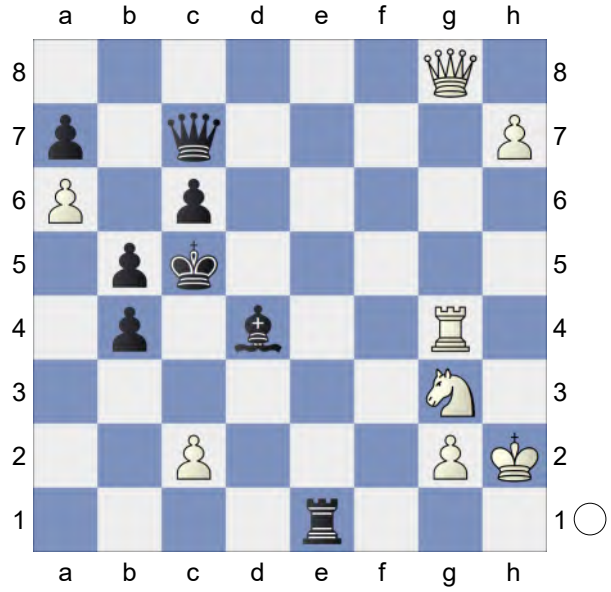
22.fxg3 fxg3 23.Nf1 f5 3.92/21
[⌓23...Qc7 2.44/21]
24.exf6 Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Qxf6 And now ...Qf2+ would win. **26.Nxg3 cxb4 27.Qe3** Wards off c5
[27.Rxb4 Rf8±]
27...Qf7 5.74/24 Inhibits Nh5.
[27...Qa1+ 28.Kh2+-]
[⌓27...c5 3.89/23 28.Nh5 *(28.Qxc5 Qb6±)* 28...Qd4 29.Nxg7 *(29.Rxd4? Bxd4-+* Pin *)* 29...Qxe3+ 30.Rxe3 Kxg7]
28.Rg4
[28.Rxb4 Re8 29.Re4 Rxe4 30.Nxe4 *(30.Qxe4 c5+-)* 30...Qe7+-]
28...Re8 7.83/23
[⌓28...Kh7 5.05/24 29.Nh5 *(29.Rxb4 Rb6+-; 29.Qe4+ Kh8+-)* 29...Rg8]
29.Qxh6 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Qc7 31.Qg6 Kf8 32.h5 Be5 33.Qg8+
[33.Rxb4? Bxg3+ 34.Qxg3 Rh1+ 35.Kxh1 Qxg3-+]
33...Ke7 34.h6
[34.Rxb4? Bxg3+ 35.Kh3 *(35.Qxg3?* too greedy. *Rh1+* Skewer, Deflection *36.Kxh1 Qxg3-+)*

35...Rh1+ 36.Kg4 Rh4+ 37.Kf3 Rxb4-+]

34...Kd6 35.h7 And now d4! would win.
35...Kc5



36.d4+! Promotion **36...Bxd4**



37.Rxd4! Remove Defender, Promotion
37...Re8 38.Rg4
[38.h8R Rxg8 39.Rxg8 Kxd4-+]
38...Kb6 39.h8Q Rxg8 40.Rxg8 Ka5 41.Rg7 Qe5 42.Qd8+ Kxa6 43.Rh7 Qe3 44.Qc8+ Ka5 45.Qc7+ Ka6

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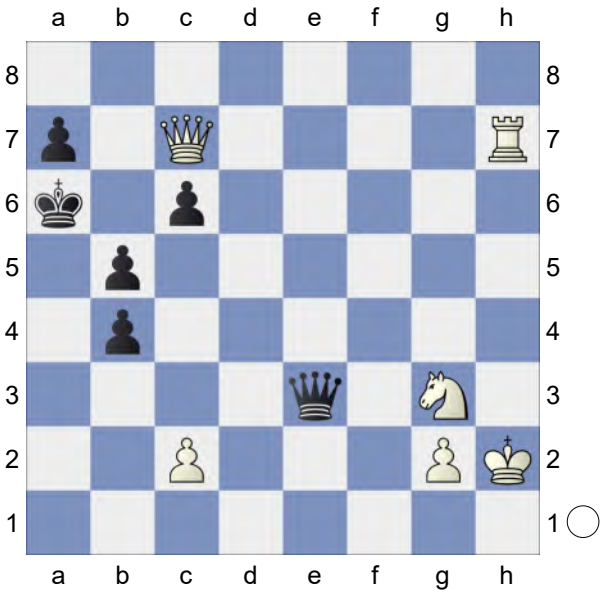
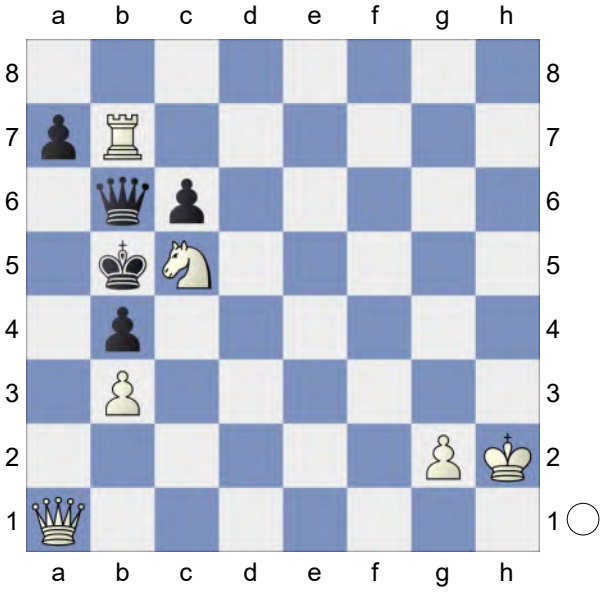


46.Ne4! b3
[46...Qd4 47.Qxc6+]
47.cxb3 Qb6 48.Qe5 b4 49.Qa1+ Qa5 50.Nc5+ Kb5 51.Rb7+ Qb6



52.Nd7! Qxb7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=1.27
53.Qa4#
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90 **B31**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3184**
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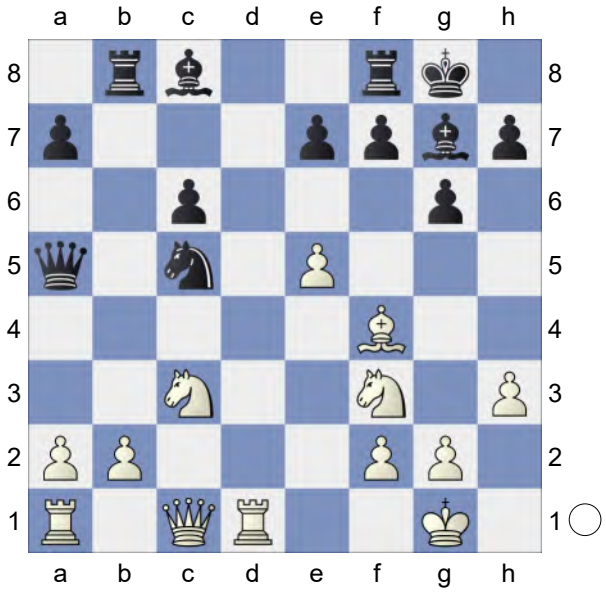
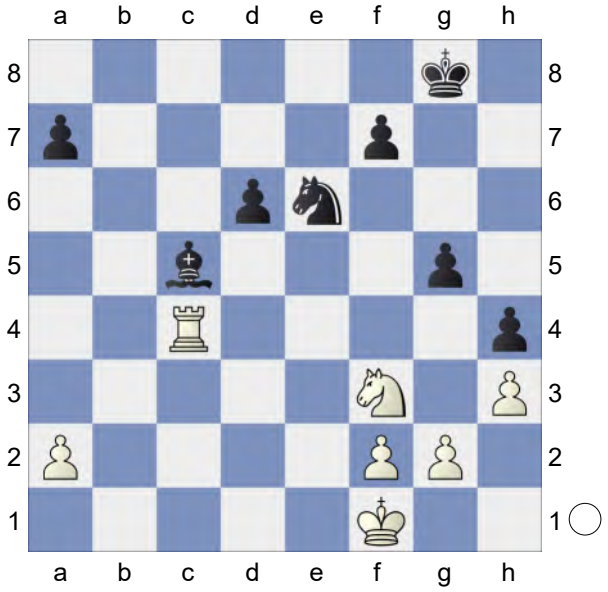
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Rb8 0.82/19
[9...d5± 0.40/22]
10.Bf4± White is better. **10...d6 11.Qc1 Ng4 12.h3**
[12.Qxc6?! Rxb2 13.h3 Nxf2=]
12...Nf6 13.Nc3 Nd7 1.26/22
[⌓13...Nh5 0.82/19]
14.e5 White is more active. **14...dxe5 15.dxe5 Nc5** White must now prevent ... Nd3. **16.Rd1↑** White has strong initiative. **16...Qa5**
[16...Nd3? 17.Qe3+-]

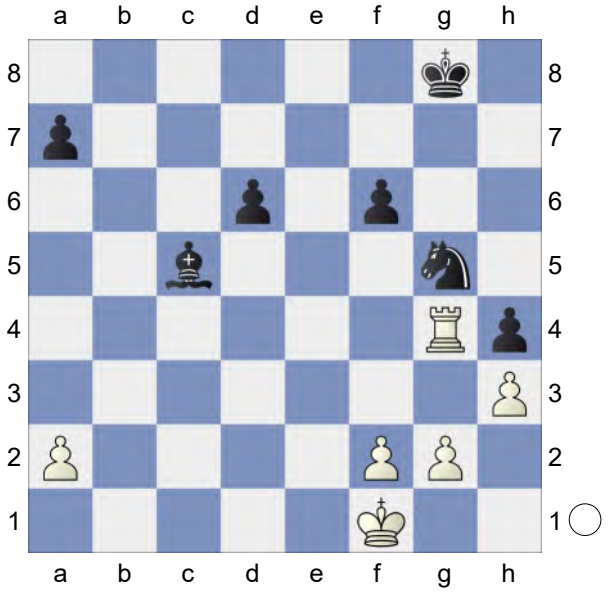


17.e6! Discovered Attack **17...Bxe6** 2.33/21
[17...Rb7± 1.11/22]
18.Bxb8+- Rxb8 19.Nd4 Qb6 20.Qe3 Bc4 21.b3
[21.Qxe7 Nd3 *(21...Qxb2? 22.Rab1+-)* 22.Rxd3 Bxd3∓]
21...Ne6 22.Na4
[22.bxc4 Bxd4 23.Qg3 Re8±]
22...Bxd4 23.Nxb6 Bxe3 24.Nxc4
[24.Nd7?! Rb7 25.fxe3 *(25.bxc4? Bd4-+)* 25...Bd5±]
24...Bd4 25.Rac1 c5 26.Kf1 h5 27.Nd2 g5 28.Rc4 h4 29.Nf3 Rb6 4.19/23
[29...a5 2.80/22 might work better.

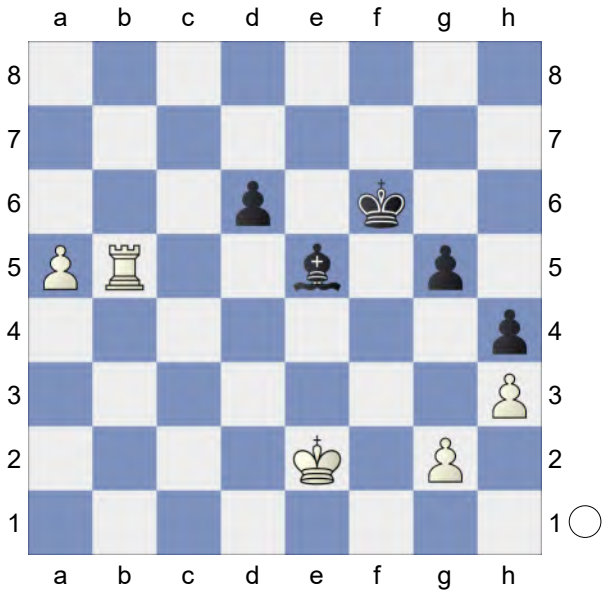
30.Nxd4 cxd4]
30.b4 Rd6? 8.26/23
[30...f6 3.88/23 31.Re1 Kf7 32.bxc5 Bxc5 33.Rxe6 Remove Defender Rxe6]
31.bxc5 Bxc5 32.Rxd6 exd6



33.Nxg5! Remove Defender **33...Nxg5 34.Rg4!**
[Inferior is 34.Rxh4 Ne6=]
34...f6



35.f4! Pin **35...Be3 36.Ke2 Bc1 37.fxg5 fxg5** Endgame KR-KB **38.Ra4 a5 39.Rxa5 Kf7 40.a4 Kf6 41.Rb5 Bf4 42.a5** aiming for a6. **42...Be5**



43.Rxe5! Promotion **43...Kxe5** K3P-K3P
[43...dxe5 44.a6]
44.a6 g4 45.hxg4 K3P-KPP. White is a pawn up. **45...Kf4 46.a7 Kxg4 47.a8Q**
[Weaker is 47.a8B h3±]
47...Kf5 48.Qd5+ Kg6 49.Qxd6+ Kf7 50.g4 hxg3 51.Qxg3 Kf6 52.Ke3 Ke6 53.Ke4 Ke7 54.Ke5 10.97/5
[⌓54.Qe5+ #5/12 Kd8 55.Kd5 Kd7 56.Qg7+ Ke8 57.Ke6 Kd8 58.Qd7#]
54...Kd7 55.Kd5 10.41/5
[⌓55.Qc3 #4/10 Ke7 56.Qc7+ Ke8 57.Kf6 Kf8 58.Qf7#]
55...Kd8 56.Kd6 White mates. **56...Kc8 57.Qb3 Kd8** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.64
58.Qb8#
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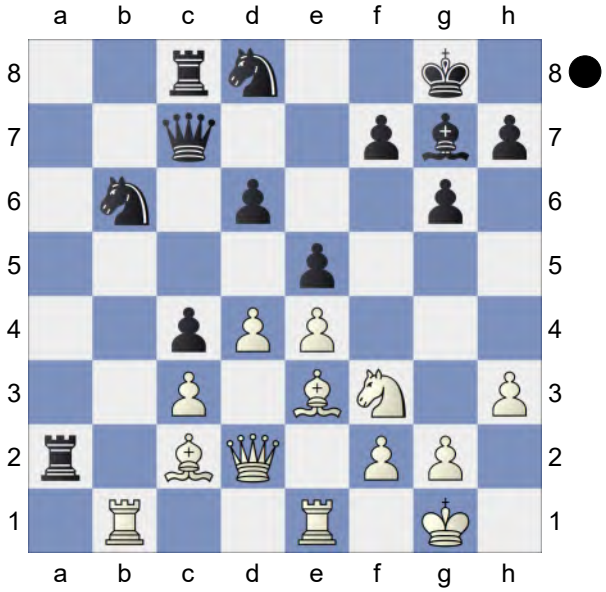
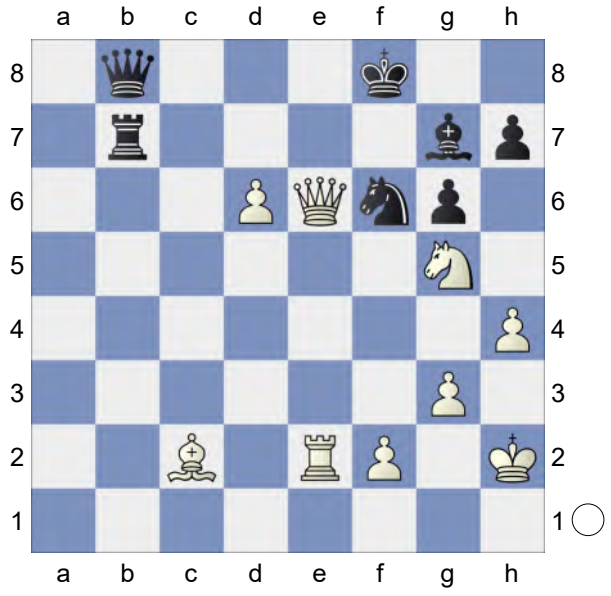
91 **B30**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2794**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2788**
CCT Final Playoff 2023 rapid (6.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 g6 10.d3 Bg7 11.Qd1 0-0 12.Nd2 b5 13.a3 White is slightly better. **13...a5 14.Nf3 b4 15.d4 Nd7** 0.74/20
[15...bxc3= 0.04/22 16.d5 *(16.bxc3 d5=)* 16...Nd4]
16.Be3± bxc3 17.bxc3 Qc7 18.Bb5 Rfc8 19.Rb1 a4 20.Bxa4 0.56/19 White is more active.
[20.h4± 0.92/18]
20...Nb6 1.26/21
[Black should try 20...h6± 0.56/19]
21.Bb3
[21.dxc5? Nxa4 22.Rc1 Nxc5 *(22...dxc5? 23.Bd2-+)* 23.Bxc5 dxc5-+]
21...e6 1.90/23
[21...Na5± 1.17/20]
22.Ng5 1.26/21
[White should play 22.dxc5+- 1.90/23 dxc5 23.Bxc5]
22...Nd8 23.Bf4 0.58/22
[23.d5± 1.26/19 exd5 24.exd5]
23...c4± 24.Bc2 Rxa3 25.Qd2 0.01/20
[25.d5!± 0.62/20 e5 *(25...Bxc3 26.dxe6 Bxe1 27.Bxd6±)* 26.Bc1]
25...Ra2 26.Nf3 e5 27.Be3



Nd7 28.Qd1 Ne6 29.Re2 -0.57/22
[29.d5± 0.33/20 Nec5 30.Rb4]
29...Rca8 30.h4 -0.93/21

[30.Qc1= -0.30/20 remains equal.]
30...R2a3 -0.47/22
[30...h5∓ -0.93/21]
31.Qe1 -1.03/20
[31.dxe5∓ -0.47/22 Nxe5 *(31...Rxc3 32.exd6 Qc6 33.h5+-)* 32.Nd4]
31...Nf4 0.32/21
[31...Qa5∓ -1.03/20 32.Qd1 Rxc3 *(32...Qxc3 33.Bd2±)* 33.dxe5 Nxe5]
32.Bxf4 exf4 33.Qd2 -0.01/20
[33.e5± 0.35/21 was preferable.]
33...Qa5 0.70/22
[33...h5= -0.01/20]
34.Qxf4 Qxc3 35.Qxd6 Nf8 36.e5
A mistake that costs the game.
36...R8a6? 3.71/21
[36...Ne6± 0.90/22]
37.Qd5+- Ra1 38.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 39.Kh2 Ra5 40.Qe4 White is clearly winning.
40...Qb4 41.d5 Qb8 42.g3 Ra7 43.Qxc4 Rc7 44.Qe4 Nd7 45.d6 Ra7 46.e6 Threatens to win with exf7+.
46...Nf6 47.exf7+ Kf8 48.Qe6 Rxf7 49.Ng5 Rb7



50.Bb3! Deflection **50...Bh8 51.Bd5** White threatens Rb2! and mate. **51...Ra7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.75 **52.Bc6**
1-0

92 **B30**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2755**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**
CCT Final Survival W 2024 rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032

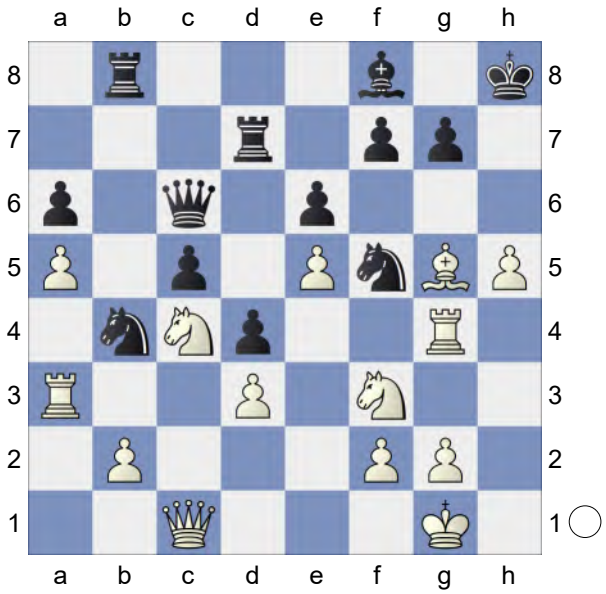
email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 White has an edge. **9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Qd2 Bb4 14.f3 Qf6 15.Rc1 Rfd8** 1.04/22
[15...Bc5± 0.31/19]
16.a3 0.42/22
[16.Bg5± 1.04/22 Qe5 17.Bxd8 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Rxd8 19.f4]
16...Bc5± 17.b4 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Qf4 0.35/21
[18...d5= -0.05/22 19.exd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bxd5]
19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Rfd1 Kf8 21.Bf1 g5 22.Kf2 0.12/21
[22.a4± 0.49/21]
22...Ke7 23.Ke3 Ng6 24.Ne2 Rac8 25.Nd4 h5 26.Rd3 Ne5 27.Rdc3 d6! 28.g3 Nd7 29.Be2 Bb7 30.Nb3 Rc7 31.a4 h4 32.a5 hxg3 33.hxg3 Rh8 34.axb6 axb6 35.Nd4 Nf6 0.38/22
[35...g4= 0.01/23 is more appropriate.]
36.c5 bxc5 37.bxc5 dxc5 38.Rxc5 Rxc5 39.Rxc5 Rc8 Against Rc7+ **40.Rxg5** White is more active. **40...Rc3+ 41.Kd2 Ra3 42.Rb5** 0.01/23
[42.Nc2± 0.76/21 Ra2 43.Bc4]
42...Bxe4!= The position is equal. **43.fxe4 Nxe4+ 44.Kc2 Rxg3 45.Rb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

93 **B30**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2755**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2578**
CCT Final RR 2024 rapid (5.3) 18.12.24
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 d5 8.e5 White is slightly better. **8...d4 9.Na3** -0.27/23

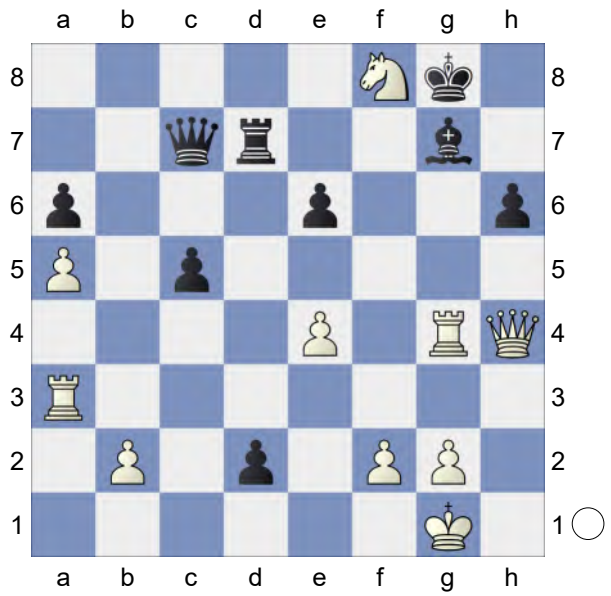
[⌓9.d3 0.29/21]
9...Bb7 10.Nc4 Nd5 11.a4 Be7 12.Bd3 -0.62/23
[12.cxd4= -0.06/23 cxd4 13.Re4]
12...0-0∓ 13.Be4 b5 14.Na3 -1.24/22
[14.axb5∓ -0.49/19 axb5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 *(15...Bxa8 16.Na3∓)* 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Nd6]
14...Qb6 0.02/18
[14...f5∓ -1.24/22 15.Bxd5 *(15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Bxc6 Bxc6∓)* 15...Qxd5]
15.Qc2 -1.00/20
[15.c4= 0.02/18]
15...h6 16.d3 Rfd8 -0.26/23
[16...dxc3∓ -0.94/19 ...Nd4 is the strong threat. 17.bxc3 Rfd8]
17.Bd2 -1.11/17
[17.axb5= -0.26/23 axb5 18.Bd2]
17...Rac8 0.17/22
[17...dxc3∓ -1.11/17 18.bxc3 Rd7]
18.Qc1 -0.76/20
[18.c4= 0.17/22]
18...Bf8 0.50/21
[18...bxa4 19.Nc4 Qb3 20.Nd6±]
[Black should play 18...dxc3∓ -0.76/20 19.bxc3 b4 *(19...bxa4 20.Nc4± Discovered Attack)* 20.cxb4 *(20.Nc4 Qc7∓)* 20...cxb4]
19.c4 bxc4 20.Nxc4 Qc7 21.a5 Against Nb6 **21...Ncb4 22.Ra3 Rb8 23.h4 Ne7 24.h5 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 Qc6** 0.42/22
[25...Ned5= 0.00/19 is more appropriate.]
26.Rg4± Nf5 2.92/22
[Better is 26...Kh7!± 0.34/19]
27.Bxh6+- Kh8 28.Bg5 Rd7

(Diagram)

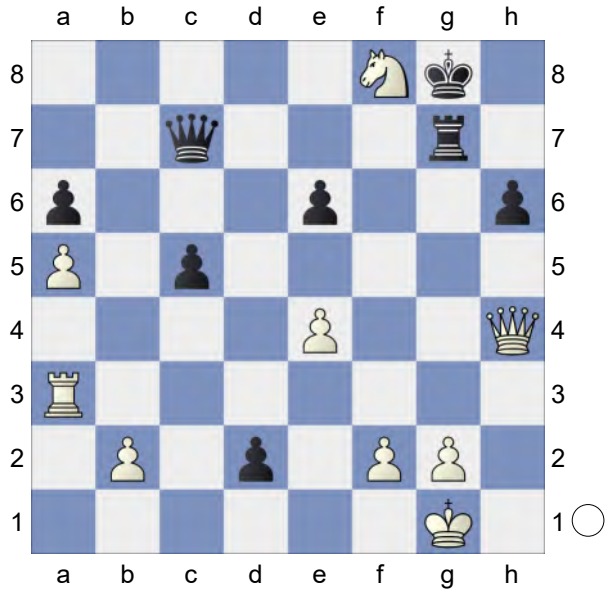


29.h6! hxg7+ would now be deadly.
29...Nxh6
[29...Nd5 30.hxg7+]
30.Bxh6 gxh6 31.Qf4 Bg7 Prevents Qf6 **32.Nd6 Rf8 33.Ne4** Excellent horsemanship. **33...Nd5** Against Nf6 **34.Qg3 f5 35.exf6 Nxf6 36.Ne5 Nxe4 37.dxe4**
[37.Rxe4 Bxe5 38.Qxe5+ Kh7±]
[37.Qh4 Qd6+-]
37...Qc7 38.Ng6+ Kg8 39.Qh4 0.00/20
[39.Qxc7+- 3.56/22 Rxc7 40.Nxf8 Kxf8 41.Rf3+ Rf7 42.Rxf7+ Kxf7 43.b3]
39...d3 0.79/20 **40.Nxf8±** Pin
[40.Ra1 Rff7 41.Rd1 Qb8-+]
40...d2? 5.17/18
[Black should try 40...Kxf8± 0.68/18 41.Rxg7 Kxg7 42.Qg4+ Kh7 43.Qxe6 d2 44.Qf5+ *(44.Qxa6 c4)* 44...Kh8 45.Qf6+ Kh7 46.Qf5+ *(46.Qxa6 c4)* 46...Kh8 47.Qf8+ Kh7 48.Qf5+]

(Diagram)



41.Rxg7+!+- Rxg7



42.Rd3! Qxa5 11.20/20
[⌓42...c4 4.96/17 43.Rxd2 *(43.Nxe6? loses. cxd3 44.Nxc7 d1Q+ 45.Kh2 Qg4-+)* 43...Kxf8 44.Qf6+ *(44.Qxh6 Kf7+-)* 44...Kg8 45.Qxe6+ *(45.Qxh6 Kf7+-)* 45...Qf7 46.Qxh6 *(46.Qxa6 Kh7+-)* 46...Qe7 47.Qxa6 Qxe4 48.Qc8+ Kf7 49.Rd7+ Kg6 50.Rxg7+ Kxg7]
[42...Kxf8 43.Qxh6]
43.Nxe6 Qa1+ 44.Kh2 White mates.
44...Qf1 45.Rd8+
[45.Nxc5? Qxg2#]
45...Kh7 46.Nxg7 11.40/18 Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.63
[46.Rxd2? Qxg2#]
[⌓46.Nf8+ #7/17 Kg8 47.Nd7+ *(47.Qxh6? Qxg2#)* 47...Kh7 48.Nf6+ *(48.Nxc5? Qxg2#)* 48...Kg6 49.Qg3+ *(49.Rxd2 Qb5 50.Qh5+ Kxf6 51.Rd6+* Skewer *Ke7 52.Qe5+ Kf8 53.Rd8+ Kf7 54.Qf4+ Ke6 55.Qd6+* Skewer *Kf7 56.Rf8#)* 49...Kxf6 50.Qf4+ Ke7 51.Qd6+ Kf7 52.Rf8#]
1-0

94 **B51**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2805**
■ **Kevlishvili,Robby** **2556**
Saint Louis Masters op (2) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6

7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.d3 Be7 11.Nd2 0-0 White is slightly better. **12.Qd1 d5 13.e5 Nd7 14.Nf3 d4** is currently scoring better than 14...b5. wohl besser als 14...b5. **15.g3 a5N**

[15...b5 16.Bg2 Rc8 17.h4 dxc3 18.bxc3 Nb6 0.49/19 *(18...Qa5=* -0.01/21 *)* 19.Ng5!± Nd5 0.98/22 *(19...Nd7±* 0.45/21 *)* 20.Qg4!± Nxe6! would now be deadly. Qd7 21.c4 -0.44/24 *(21.Nxh7!±* 0.84/24 *Kxh7 22.Be4+ g6 23.Qh5+ Kg8 24.Bxg6 fxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Bh6 Bxh4 28.Re4 Nxe5 29.Rxe5)* 21...Nc3!∓ 22.cxb5 -0.83/23 *(22.a3∓* -0.35/22 *)* 22...axb5 ½-½ Vandenbussche,T (2435)-Efimenko,Z (2602) Bundesliga 1920 final 2020 (3.3)]

16.a4 Qb8 17.Qe2 b5 18.axb5 Qxb5 19.c4

[19.Qe4 looks sharper. Rfc8 20.h4 a4 21.c4]

19...Qb8 20.h4 Bd8 21.Bf4 Ra6! 22.h5! Rb6 23.Qe4 0.14/21

[23.h6± 0.70/23]

23...Qc8 0.63/23

[23...h6!= 0.14/21 might be stronger.]

24.Re2 Re8 ...f5 is the strong threat.

25.Bh3 Qb7 26.Nh2 Nb4 27.Qxb7 Rxb7 28.Ra3 Bc7 29.Ng4 Nc6 1.16/23

[29...Ra7= 0.01/21]

30.h6± g6 2.49/25

[30...Rb6± 1.23/21]

31.Bg2+- Rb6 32.Bd2 Ra8 2.46/23

[⌓32...Ncxe5 1.83/23 33.Nxe5 Bxe5]

33.f4 Raa6 34.Bc1 0.74/25

[34.Bxc6+- 2.25/22 and the rest is easy. Rxc6 35.Re1]

34...Ne7 1.58/22

[⌓34...a4 0.74/25]

35.Bf3 1.03/23 White is more active.

[⌓35.b3 1.58/22]

35...Kf8 36.Kg2 Ng8 37.b3 f5 38.exf6 Ndxf6 39.Nxf6 Nxf6 40.Rea2 Rb8 41.g4 Ng8 42.g5 Ne7 43.Bd2 Nf5? 4.10/24

[43...Ke8± 1.05/24 is tougher.]

44.Be4

[44.Bxa5 Bxf4±]

44...Kg8 45.Kf3 Repels Ne3

[45.Bxa5 Bxf4=]

45...Ne3 46.Bxa5 Bd6 47.Bd2 2.46/27

[⌓47.b4 5.47/25]

47...Rxa3 48.Rxa3 Rf8 49.Ke2! Bxf4 50.Ra5 Bd6 51.b4 1.92/22

[⌓51.Bxe3 3.35/24 dxe3 52.Kxe3]

51...cxb4 52.c5! Bg3 53.Bf3 0.03/24

[53.Bxb4? Rf2+ 54.Ke1 Rh2#]

[53.Be1± 1.10/25 Bxe1 54.Kxe1]

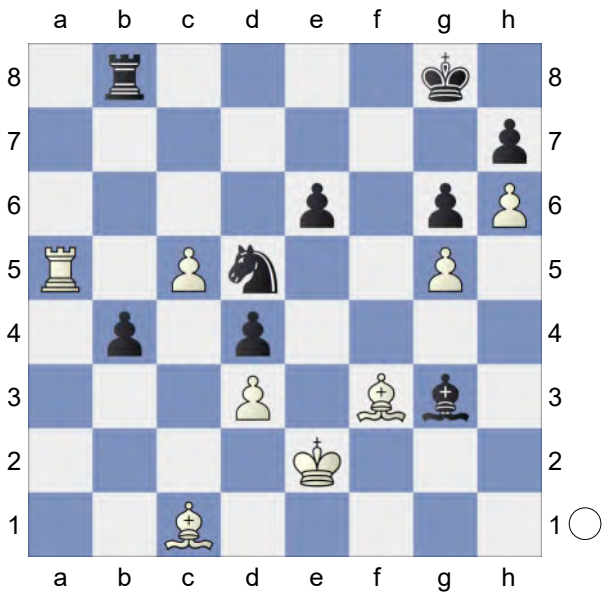
53...Rb8 0.56/26

[53...b3= 0.03/24 54.Bxe3 dxe3]

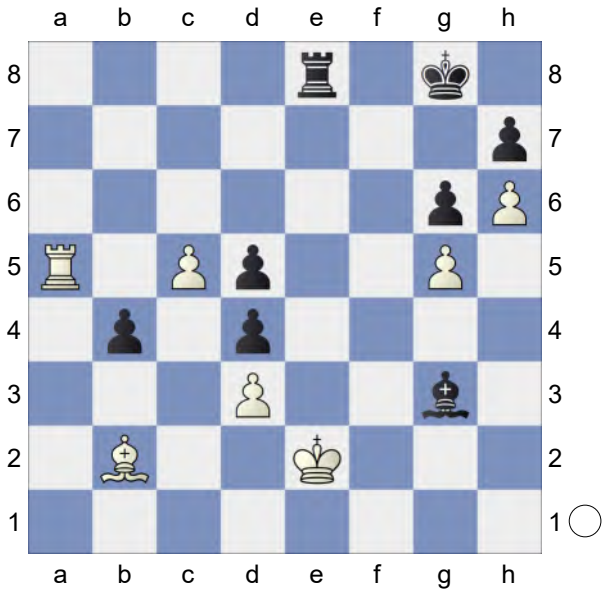
54.Bc1± Nd5? 2.66/24

[54...Nf5± 0.78/22 keeps fighting.]

(Diagram)



55.Bxd5!+- exd5 Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **56.Bb2?** 0.30/22
[56.Ra7+- 2.48/25]
56...Re8+ 1.31/27
[56...b3= 0.30/22 keeps the balance.]



57.Kf3 0.23/27
[57.Kd1!± 1.31/27]
57...Re3+ 0.60/29
[57...Be5= 0.23/27]
58.Kg4!± Kf7? 7.75/26
[58...Be5± 0.58/29]
59.Ra7++- White is clearly winning.
59...Ke6 60.Bxd4
[Stronger than 60.Rxh7 Be5 61.c6 Rg3+ 62.Kh4 Rg2=]
60...Rxd3 61.Bf6
[Weaker is 61.Rxh7 Rxd4+ 62.Kxg3 Rd3+ 63.Kf4 Rd4+ 64.Kf3 Rh4±]
61...d4 62.Rxh7 Bf2 63.Re7+ Kd5 64.h7 Rg3+ 65.Kf4 Rh3 66.h8Q Rxh8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.54 **67.Bxh8**
1-0

95 **B30**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2803**
■ **Abasov,Nijat Azad** **2632**
Toronto 04.2024
[Daniel Fernandez,TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)*
11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7

17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 **Bd6** It was a little concerning to see Abasov trot this out with such abandon against a player renowned for his expertise in both the Rossolimo and the Spanish. **5.d3**

[A distant third choice after c3 and d3 is the sharp 5.d4!? , which we can assume Black was prepared for due to the following game. Nxd4 6.Bc4 Bc7 7.Ng5 *(*the engine line runs *7.Bg5!? Ne7 8.Nc3 f6 9.Bd2 b5* and presumably this can be neutralised after a few more rather precise moves from Black.*)* 7...Nh6?! *(7...Ne6!* is a better defence*)* 8.Nc3 0-0 1-0 Caruana,F (2764) -Nakamura,H (2775) Chessable Masters Div 1 Win Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (3.3) 9.Nd5± with serious pressure.]

5...Nf6 There isn't a lot of point playing (or keeping the option of) ...Nge7 since in most cases, the attempt to keep the option of ...f5 is a polite fiction at best.

[5...Nge7 0.82/21 5...Nf6 0.32 and now it seems the most efficient thing White can do is take the bishop away, now that taking on c6 is no longer remotely attractive. 6.Bc4! 0-0 7.Nc3± 1-0 Cuartas,J (2528)-Tirado,J (2182) COL-chT Risaralda 2023 (6.1)]

6.Nc3 **0-0** **7.h3** Technically this is a novelty, but it's also very obviously a useful move in all the contingencies that could be about to arise.

[7.Bc4 is met by the apparently unaesthetic Be7! which actually has a very simple logic to it: the e5-pawn is no longer under so much fire and so doesn't need to be defended anymore.]

7...a6 Forcing a decision from the b5-bishop.

[If Black reciprocates with 7...h6 then suddenly 8.Bc4 is a little more annoying, since the logical Be7 can be met by 9.Nh4! aiming for Ng6. Nxe4!? 10.dxe4 Bxh4 11.f4±]

8.Bxc6 White is slightly better. **8...dxc6** **9.Nh4!?**

[Also fully in the spirit of the position would be 9.a4 carving out the c4-square as well. White gets there rather quickly and then can start thinking about f4, e.g. a5 10.Be3 b6 11.Nd2 Be6 12.b3 Nd7 13.Nc4±]

9...Re8

[Perhaps it was a small surprise to me to discover that 9...Ne8 actually equalises, since at some moment White finds themselves wanting the e3-square for both the bishop and the knight. Since quantum chess hasn't yet been invented, they will have to pick one, but both have drawbacks. 10.Nf5 Bc7 11.a4 a5 12.Be3 *(12.Ne3* -0.07/20 12.Be3 0.34 is met by the original-looking regrouping *g6!? 13.Nc4 Ng7* which might be common in some openings, but I can't recall seeing this particular way of getting to e6 in a Rossolimo.*)* 12...b6 And White has no way to get to the c4-square. The best they can do given the current configuration is retreat to

g3 (especially, but not only, if challenged by ...Nd6) and play for f4. 13.Qd2 Ra7 14.Ng3 Nd6 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 f6⇄]

10.Qf3 g6 Prevents Nf5 **11.Bg5 Be7 12.Qe3 Nh5** This reply is not strictly forced, but if Black doesn't want to have to solve the subtly different and annoying problems related to f4 pushes, then it feels like a good idea. **13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nf3±** The opening discussion is over and White has a slight advantage. The lead in development has become a reasonably entrenched structural edge, and Black's h5-knight still looks a little bit aimless. **14...b6 15.a3 b5** Not the most normal response to White hinting at pushing b4, but a functional one, since a big part of the point of that thrust is to attack the b6-pawn.

[15...a5! doesn't strictly always prevent b4 from happening. White can try something like 16.Ne2 and (in the absence of ....a4) can try that push next move, e.g. f6 0.59/21 *(16...Qf6=* 0.12/18 should be considered.) 17.b4±]

16.Ne2 f6 17.Nd2 Be6 18.f4 Nxf4 19.Nxf4 exf4 20.Rxf4 Rad8 1.23/20

[⌓20...Rf8 0.75/20]

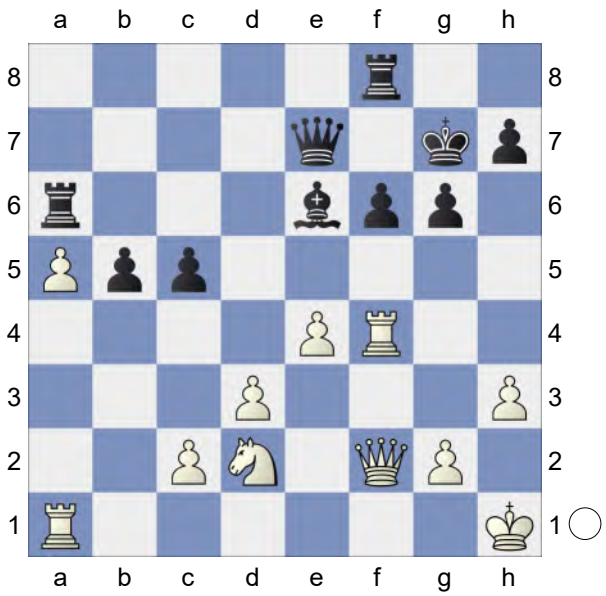
21.Qf2 0.54/21

[21.Raf1± 1.23/20]

21...Rf8 22.Rf1 Kg7 23.b4 An impressive move, if also quite logical. The f-pawn was pressured to this extent partly so that Black's major pieces would be tied up defending it, and so unable to deal with pawn advances on the queenside. **23...cxb4 24.axb4 Ra8 25.Kh1** 0.40/21

[25.Nf3± 0.90/22]

25...a5! Deflection **26.bxa5 c5 27.Ra1 Ra6**



28.e5 0.38/22 **f5 29.c4 bxc4 30.dxc4 Rfa8! 31.Nb3↑** White has good play.

31...g5 32.Qg3

[32.Qxc5? too greedy. Qxc5 33.Nxc5 gxf4-+]

32...h6 1.22/21

[Better is 32...Kh8± 0.42/22 33.Rf2 f4]

33.Rf2 0.66/23

[33.Rf3± 1.22/21]

33...Bxc4?! 1.44/22 This is not a pawn trade Black should be looking for, so really this capture should be understood as a commitment to the next one... which is also a mistake.

[33...Rb8! 34.Qe3 Bxc4 35.Nxc5 Rc6]

[33...Rb8!± 0.66/23]

34.Rxf5±

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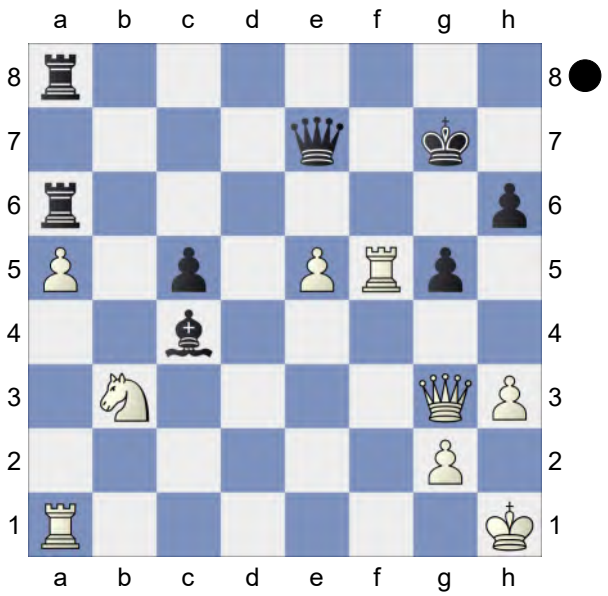


Bxb3? 6.28/21 This move is borderline inexplicable. White will just come into f7.
[The engine opines that Black survives after the highly specific 34...Qe6 35.Rf3 Qd5± which delays the involvement of White's knight in the attack.]
[34...Qe6± 1.24/21 35.Rf3 *(35.Nxc5? Qxf5 36.Nxa6 Rxa6∓; 35.Rf6 Qd5±)* 35...Qd5]
35.Qxb3+- White is clearly winning.
35...Rxa5 36.Raf1 Threatening mate with Rf7+. **36...Kh8**
[36...R8a7 37.e6 forces the rook's entry to f7 sooner or later anyway.]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.59 **37.Rf7**
1-0

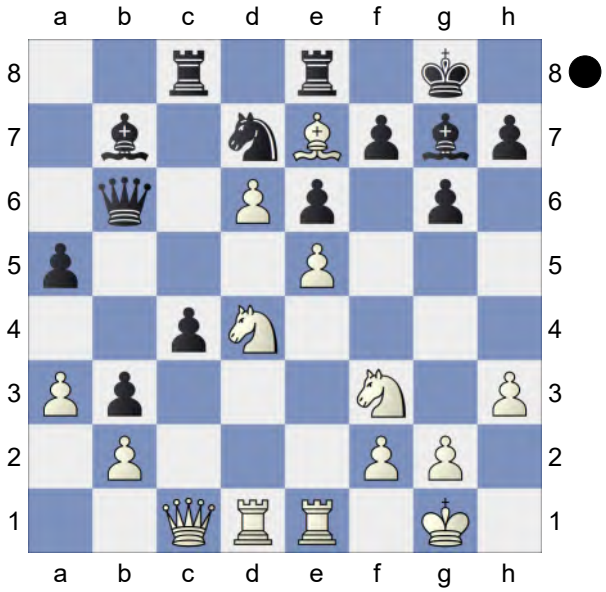
96 **B31**
☐ **Mishra,Abhimanyu** **2630**
■ **Shankland,Samuel L** **2677**
USA-ch Saint Louis (7) 18.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 a6 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.h3 cxd4 10.cxd4 c5 11.d5! 11.d5 scores better than 11. e5. 11.d5 punktet besser als 11.e5.
[11.dxc5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nxe4∓]
11...b5 12.Nc3 White wants to play e5.
12...Bb7 13.Bf4 White has an edge.
13...Re8 14.Qc2N
[14.Be5 Bh6 15.Nh2 Nd7 16.Ng4

Bf8 17.Bf4 e5 18.Bh6 Bxh6 19.Nxh6+ Kg7 20.Qd2 ½-½ Djukic,N (2518)-Mamedov,R (2644) EU-chT 24th Budva 2023 (5.2)]

14...e6 15.d6 Nd7 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.Bg5 Qa5 White should prevent ...b4. **18.a3 Bc6 19.Ra1 Qb6 20.Be7 c4 21.Rad1 a5 22.Ne2! Bb7!** This pair of bishops is nice. **23.Ned4 b4 24.e5 b3 25.Qc1** -0.97/18

[25.Qc3∓ -0.50/20]



25...Qc5!∓ 26.Qf4 -1.44/20

[⌓26.Re3 -0.81/19]

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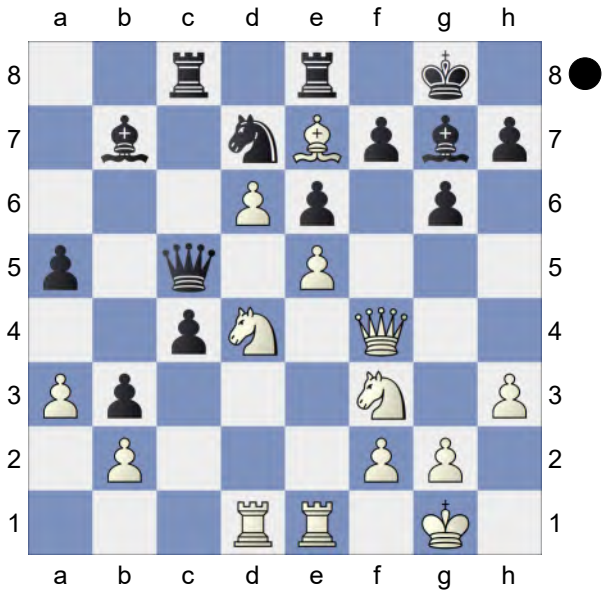

26...Rxe7!! 27.dxe7 Qxe7 28.Rc1 -1.87/20

[28.Nd2∓ -0.78/20]

28...Rc5 Black has strong compensation. **29.a4 h6 30.h4 Bd5** -1.37/20

[30...Nb6-+ -1.96/20 31.Ra1 Nd5 *(31...c3 32.bxc3 b2* Deflection *33.Rab1=)*]

31.Nd2 Nb6 32.Ne4 Nxa4 0.01/24

[32...Bxe4∓ -1.60/20 33.Qxe4 Qd7 *(33...Rxe5 34.Nc6±; 33...Nxa4 34.Nxb3 Rd5 35.Qxc4=)*]

33.Nxc5 -0.77/22

[33.Nf6+= 0.01/24 Bxf6 34.exf6]

33...Nxc5 34.Re3 Nd3 35.Rxd3 cxd3 36.Nf3 Qb7↑ Black has strong initiative. **37.Rd1** -2.45/22

[37.Rc3∓ -1.01/24 keeps fighting.]

37...Bxf3 38.gxf3-+ Endgame. KQR-KQB **38...Qb5 39.Qe4 Bxe5**

[39...Qxe5 40.Qxd3 a4 *(40...Qxb2 41.Rb1=)* 41.Qc4∓]

40.Qxd3 Qb4 -0.37/26

[40...Qxd3-+ -1.75/22 41.Rxd3 a4 *(41...Bxb2 42.Rxb3 Bf6 43.h5=)* 42.Rd8+ Kg7]

41.h5∓ g5 -0.05/25

[41...Bxb2 42.hxg6 Bg7 43.Qd8+ Qf8 44.Qb6= *(44.Qxa5 b2∓)*]
[41...gxh5∓ -0.95/25 42.Qd8+ Kh7]
42.Qd8+? -1.67/25
[42.Rc1!= -0.05/25 Kg7 *(42...Bxb2? 43.Rc8++-)* 43.Rc8]
42...Kg7-+ 43.Rd7? -3.85/24
[43.Qe8∓ -1.20/24 was the only defense. Bd4 *(43...Bxb2 44.Rd8+-)* 44.Kg2]
43...g4
[43...Bxb2? 44.Qe8 Qf8 *(44...Qf4? 45.Rd8+-)* 45.Qxe6+-]
44.Qe8 Qf4 -0.24/27
[44...gxf3 45.Rxf7#]
[44...Qe1+-+ -3.33/26 45.Kg2 gxf3+ Deflection *(45...Bxb2 46.Rxf7#)* 46.Kxf3 Qh1+ *(46...Bxb2 47.Rxf7#)* 47.Ke3 Qxh5]
45.Qxe6= Qh2+
[45...Bxb2 46.Qxb3 *(46.Qxg4+? Qxg4+ 47.fxg4 a4-+)* 46...Be5 47.Qe3=]
46.Kf1 Qh1+
[46...Bxb2 47.Rxf7+ Kh8 48.Qe8#]
47.Ke2 Qxf3+
[47...Bxb2 48.Rxf7+ Kh8 49.Qe8#]
48.Ke1 The board is on fire. **48...Qe4+**
[Stronger than 48...Bxb2 49.Qg6+ Kf8 50.Rd8+ Ke7 51.Qd6#]
49.Kf1 Qh1+ 50.Ke2 Qxh5 White must now prevent ...g3+.
[Inferior is 50...Bxb2 51.Rxf7+ Kh8 52.Qe8#]
51.Qxb3 Qg6 -0.01/23
[51...g3+∓ -0.39/25 52.Qf3 Qg6 *(52...Qxf3+ 53.Kxf3 gxf2 54.Kxf2=)* 53.fxg3 Bxb2]
52.Rd3 -0.53/21
[52.Ra7= -0.01/23]
52...Bf6 53.Qd5 -0.67/23
[53.Kf1= -0.21/23 is more appropriate.]
53...a4 -0.10/24
[53...Bxb2∓ -0.67/23 54.Rb3 Bf6 *(54...Qc2+ 55.Kf1=)*]
54.Qc4 h5 55.Qxa4 Bxb2 56.Qf4 h4 57.Rd6 Qh5 Hoping for ...h3. **58.Kf1 h3 59.Kg1** -0.49/27
[59.Rd1!= -0.05/22]
59...Be5∓ 60.Rd5 Bxf4 61.Rxh5 KR-KB **61...Kg6 62.Rh4 Kg5** -0.01/30
[62...f5∓ -0.43/30 should be considered. 63.Rh8 Be5]
63.Rh7!= The position is equal. **63...f5 64.f3! h2+ 65.Kg2 g3 66.Rg7+ Kf6 67.Ra7 Be3 68.Ra5 Kg5 69.Ra4 f4 70.Ra5+ Kf6 71.Rb5 Ke6 72.Ra5 Bd4 73.Rb5 Kd6 74.Ra5 Bc5 75.Ra4 Be3 76.Re4 Kd5 77.Kh1 Kd6 78.Kg2 Kd5 79.Kh1 Kd6 80.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

97 **B30**
□ **LC0-Bot** **2807**
■ **Mate-AI** **2895**
Blitz 19.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8*

13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.c4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 b6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Rad1 Bc6 13.Qd2 Bb4 14.f3 Qf6 15.Rc1 Bc5 16.Bxc5 bxc5 17.f4 Qd4+ 18.Qxd4 cxd4 19.Nb5 Bxe4 20.Nxd4 Rfb8 21.b3 a5 22.a3 Rb6 23.g3 Ne7 24.Rfd1 h6 25.Kf2 g5 26.Ke3 f5 27.Nb5 Bc6 28.a4 Rab8 29.Rd6 Kf7

[29...Bxb5? 30.Rxb6 Rxb6 31.axb5+- *(31.cxb5 Kf7+-)*]

30.Rcd1 Kf6 31.Kf2 gxf4 32.gxf4 Ng6 33.Ke3 Nh4

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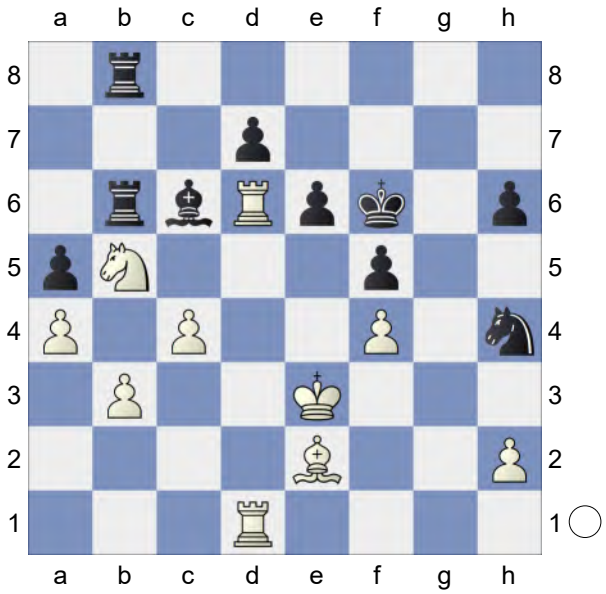

Against Bf3 **34.Kd2 Ng6 35.Ke3 Nh4 36.Kd2 Ng6 37.c5 R6b7 38.Rf1 Nh8 39.Rg1⇄** White is not keeping still

39...Ng6 40.Rf1 Rc8 41.Nd4 Rbc7 42.Bd3 Bg2 43.Rf2

[43.Rg1 Nxf4 44.Nxf5 Rxc5 45.Ne3]

43...Nh4 44.Ba6 Rh8 45.Kd3 Rxc5 46.Rxd7 Be4+

[46...Rd5 simplifies 47.Rxd5 Bxd5 48.Bc4 Be4+]

47.Kd2 Bd5! Prevents Bc4 **48.Kd3 Rc1 49.Kd2! Ra1 50.Kc3 Ng6 51.Rd6 Rh1**

[51...Rb8 keeps more tension. 52.Bd3 Rd1 53.Kc2 Rb4]

52.Bc4 Rc8 53.Ra6 Rd1 54.Nxe6

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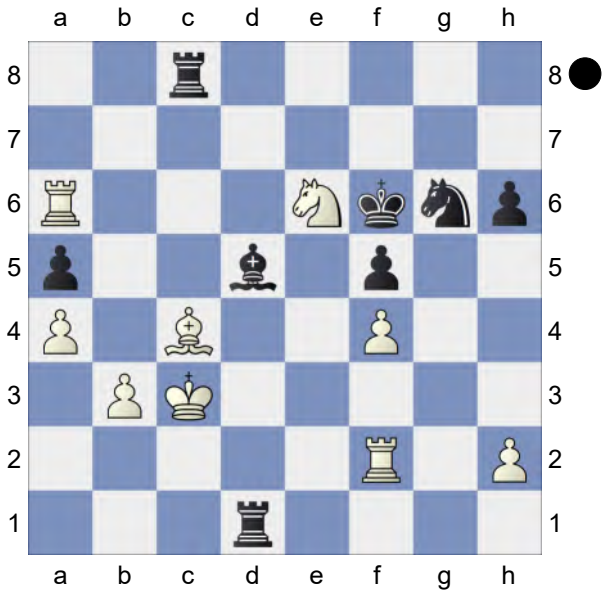

The position is equal. **54...Rxc4+ 55.bxc4 Bxe6 56.c5**
[56.Rxa5 Rc1+ 57.Rc2 Rf1-+ *(57...Rxc2+ 58.Kxc2 Bxc4 59.Rc5=)*]
56...Re1 57.c6 Black must now prevent c7!. **57...Re4 58.Kb2**
[58.c7? Rc4+ *(58...Rxa4? 59.c8Q+-)* 59.Kb2 Rxc7-+ *(59...Rxf4? 60.Rxe6+* Remove Defender, Promotion *Kxe6 61.c8Q++-; 59...Nxf4? 60.Rxf4 Rxc7 61.Rf3+-)*]
58...Rxa4
[58...Nxf4 59.c7 Rb4+ *(59...Rxa4? 60.Rxf4* Promotion *Rxf4 61.c8Q+-)* 60.Ka1+- *(60.Ka3? Rb3+ 61.Ka2 Rb6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *62.Ka1 Rxa6-+)*]
59.c7 Ne7 ...Ra2+ is the strong threat.
[59...Rxf4? 60.Rxe6+ *(60.c8R? Rxf2+ 61.Rc2 Rf3-+)* 60...Kxe6 61.c8Q++-]
60.Rf3 Rb4+ 61.Ka1 Ra4+ 62.Kb2 Rb4+ 63.Ka1 Re4 64.Rh3 Kg7
[64...Rxf4? 65.Rxh6+ *(65.Rxa5 Kg7∓)* 65...Kf7 66.Raxe6+-]
65.Rg3+ Kf7 66.Rh3 Kg7 67.Rg3+ Kf7 68.Rh3! Kg6 69.Rg3+ Kf6
[Don't do 69...Kf7 70.Rxa5 Rxf4 71.Re3=]
70.Rh3 Kg6
[70...Rxf4? perishes. 71.Rxh6+ *(71.Rxa5 Kg6∓)* 71...Kf7 72.Rh7+ *(72.Raxe6 Rc4+-)* 72...Kf6 73.Rh6+ *(73.Rxa5 Rc4∓)* 73...Kf7 74.Rhxe6+-]
71.Rg3+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
71...Kf7
½-½

98 **B31**
□ **Tari,A..** **2635**
■ **Caruana,F..** **2804**
Titled Tue 27th Feb Late (8) 27.02.2024
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7

17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Bxc6 White is slightly better.

11...bxc6 12.Qc1 a5 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.Qxc3 a4 15.Nd2 0.05/22

[15.h3± 0.43/19]

15...Bf5 16.b4 a3 1.56/22

[16...axb3= 0.29/23 17.axb3 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Rc8]

17.Nb3± Qb5 1.65/22

[17...Rfb8± 1.23/23]

18.Rac1 1.10/20

[18.Na5+- 1.65/22]

18...Bd3 2.17/21

[18...Rfb8± 1.10/20 keeps fighting.]

19.Na5+-

[19.Qxc6 Qxb4 20.Qxd5 Rfd8±]

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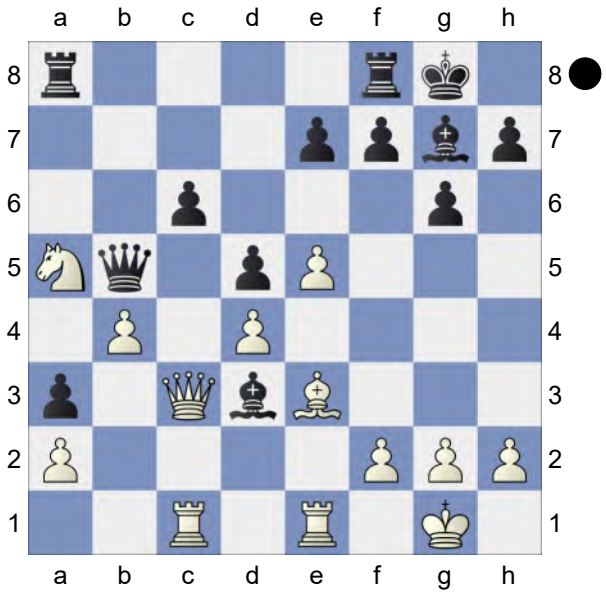

Discovered Attack **19...Rfc8 20.Qxa3 Bc4 21.Rc2 c5 22.dxc5 Bxe5 23.Qc1?** 0.46/25

[White should play 23.Bd2+- 2.33/20 Bf6 24.h4]

23...Bd3± 24.Rd2 0.10/19

[24.Bd2± 0.47/24 Bd4 25.Rc3 Rxa5 26.bxa5]

24...Qxb4= 25.Rxd3 Qxa5 26.Rxd5 Bf6 0.96/22

[26...Bb2!= 0.14/22 27.Qd1 *(27.Qxb2? Qxe1#)* 27...Qxa2]

27.Red1 0.39/21

[27.Re2± 0.96/22]

27...Qxa2± 28.c6

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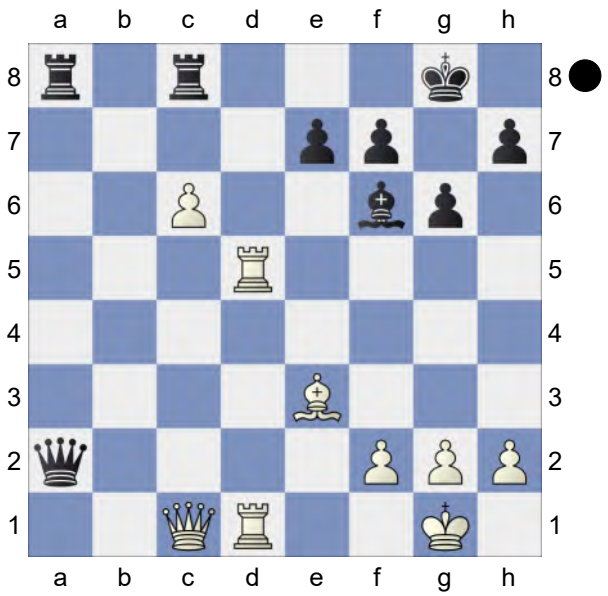


Qb2 29.Qc4 Kg7 1.36/21
[29...Qc3= 0.04/22 remains equal. 30.Rc5 Qxc4 31.Rxc4 Be5]
30.g3 0.08/22 White is more active.
[30.c7± 1.36/21]
30...Rab8? 2.73/21
[30...Qc3= 0.08/22 and Black is okay. 31.Rc1 *(31.Qxc3 Bxc3 32.Rc1 Ra1±)* 31...Ra1 32.Qxc3 Bxc3]
31.c7 1.63/23
[⩲31.Bf4 2.73/21]
31...Rb7 12.40/25
[31...Rb4 1.63/23 32.Qc6 Rb7]
32.Rc5? 3.89/23
[32.Qf4 12.40/25 Qh6+ would kill now. Bc3 33.Qh6+ Kf6 34.Qh4+ *(34.Qxh7 Ke6+-; 34.Bg5+ Ke6+-)* 34...Ke6 35.Bc5 *(35.Qxh7 Rbxc7 36.Qh3+ f5+-)*]
32...Qb6 5.69/26
[⩲32...Rb4 3.89/23]
33.Qf4 Rbxc7 34.Rcd5 0.13/24
[34.Rh5 Qxe3±]
[34.Qh6++- 3.29/27 Kg8 35.Rh5 Qxe3 36.Qxh7+ *(36.fxe3 gxh5 37.Qxh5 Rc5=)* 36...Kf8 37.fxe3 gxh5 38.Qxh5]
34...Qb8= 35.Qh6+ White has compensation. **35...Kg8 36.h4** -0.19/25
[36.Bb6 0.20/28 feels stronger.]
36...Rc6 37.h5 Bg7 38.Qg5 Bf6 39.Qg4 e6 40.Rd7 R6c7 41.Bf4
[41.R7d6!?]
41...Rxd7
[41...Qb4 seems wilder. 42.Rxc7 Rxc7 43.Qe2 Rc5]
42.Bxb8 Rxd1+ 43.Qxd1 Rxb8 Endgame KQ-KRB **44.h6 Rf8 45.Qd2 Bh8 46.Kg2 Re8 47.g4 Rf8 48.f4 Re8 49.Kf3 Rf8 50.Qd7 Ra8 51.f5 exf5** The position is equal. **52.gxf5** Qc6 would now be deadly. **52...Rf8 53.Kg2 Bf6 54.Qd6 Bg5 55.fxg6 Bxh6 56.gxh7+ Kxh7 57.Qd3+ f5 58.Qd7+ Kg6 59.Qd6+ Rf6 60.Qd5 Bg7 61.Qg8 Rf8 62.Qc4 Rf6 63.Kf3 Rf8 64.Kg2 Rf6 65.Kf3 Kh7 66.Kg2 Rf8 67.Kf3 Rf6 68.Qh4+ Kg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.41 **69.Qc4**
½-½

99 **B53**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2660**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Prague 03.2024
[Daniel Fernandez,TA]

B53: Sicilian: 2...d6: Lines with Qxd4 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/ 370" **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4

d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

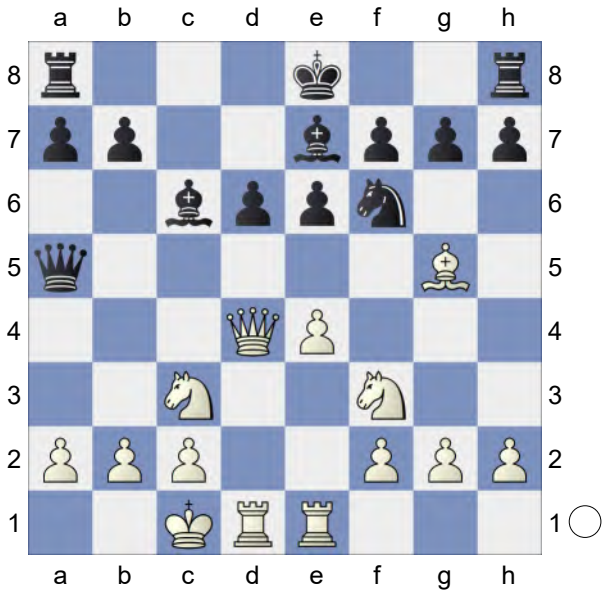
4.Nc3 d6 A peculiar move order. **5.d4**

[The way to punish Black is 5.e5 Nd7 6.exd6 keeping a development lead in a symmetrical structure, e.g. e5 *(6...exd6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nd5±)* 7.Bxc6 *(7.0-0 Bxd6 8.d3 0-0 9.Re1 Nd4=* 0-1 Alekseenko,K (2675)-Van Foreest, J (2699) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor Linares 2023 (1.4)*)* 7...bxc6 8.b3 and Black will suffer from the doubled c-pawns in the long term. Bxd6 9.Bb2 0-0 10.d3±]

5...cxd4 6.Qxd4 Back into normal Anti-Sicilian territory we'll be getting the 'old 4.Qxd4' variation via a different order.

6...Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Bg5 e6 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Rhe1 Qa5

[10...0-0 11.e5 dxe5 12.Nxe5 &-& Dragnev,V (2576)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2739) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (2.3)]



11.Nd5! Bxd5

[11...exd5? 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Rxe7+ Kxe7 15.Qxd6+ *(15.Qxg7? Bxf3 16.gxf3 Qe5-+)* 15...Ke8 16.Rd3+- *(16.Re1+ Qxe1+ 17.Nxe1 h5±)*]

12.exd5 Qxa2 The main move, which most make without thinking. But now White stands slightly better.

[The engine offers 12...h6! which seems quite acceptable for Black.

A) One quite important difference is that White can be (nearly) forced to block the e-file in the line 13.Bh4 Qxa2 14.Rd3 Qa1+ 15.Kd2 Qa5+ 16.Kd1 *(16.b4 Qb5 17.dxe6 0-0=)* 16...Qa1+ 17.Ke2 Qa6! 18.Kf1 e5! 19.Nxe5! dxe5 20.Qxe5 0-0! 21.Qxe7 Nxd5∞;

B) 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qc4 e5 15.Kb1 0-0 16.Nd2 Rac8= Black has a worse minor piece, but better major pieces for now. The central structure allows play with either ... b5 or ...f5 later.;

C) 13.dxe6 is critical. 13...hxg5

14.h4!? *(14.exf7+ Kxf7 15.Rxe7+ Kxe7 16.Qxd6+ Kf7 17.Ne5+ Kg8 18.Qe6+ Kh7=* and White has perpetual in various ways but not more than that *)*

C1) 14...fxe6 0.48/26 14...gxh4 0.01 doesn't seem quite as strong. 15.Rxe6 *(15.hxg5* -0.22/23 15.Rxe6 0.38 *Qxa2!* And now ...e5 would win. *16.gxf6 Bxf6 17.Qb4 0-0∞)* 15...Qxa2 16.Rde1 Nd5 17.Nxg5 *(17.hxg5* -0.60/25 17.Nxg5 0.25 *0-0! 18.Rxe7 Nxe7 19.Rxe7 Rf7!⇄; 17.Rxd6 Qa1+! 18.Kd2 Qa5+ 19.Kd1 Rd8 20.Rxd8+! Qxd8 21.Qxg7 Kd7∞)* 17...Rc8 0.58/26 *(17...0-0-0!? 18.Rxe7 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qa5+ 20.b4→; 17...0-0-0=* 0.17/26 *18.Rxe7 Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qa5+ 20.b4 Nxb4)* 18.Qxg7 0.04/22 *(18.Rxd6!?* may also end up being better for White, but in a fiercely complicated middlegame, e.g. *Rh6 19.Rxd5* White threatens Rxe7+! and mate. *Qa1+! 20.Kd2 Rxc2+! 21.Kxc2 Qxe1 22.Re5 Rc6+ 23.Kd3! Qd1+! 24.Ke4∞; 18.Rxe7+±* 0.58/26 *Nxe7 19.Qxg7 Qa1+ 20.Kd2 Rxc2+ 21.Kxc2 Qxe1 22.Qxh8+ Kd7 23.Qd4)* 18...Rxc2+!= 19.Kxc2 Qc4+ 20.Qc3 Nxc3 21.Rxe7+ Kf8 22.Rf7+ Qxf7 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.Kxc3 Rxh4 25.g3± The connected passed pawns offer a certain level of winning chances.;

C2) 14...gxh4 is logical and begs the question of what White has actually gained by offering the h-pawn. The answer is that at a key moment Rh1 can come with tempo: 15.exf7+! Kxf7 16.Rxe7+ Kxe7 17.Qxd6+ Kf7 18.Ne5+ Kg8 19.Qe6+ Kh7 20.Rh1! The only winning try. Qa4□ 21.c4!? *(21.g4 Qf4+ 22.Kb1 Qxf2 23.Rxh4+! Qxh4 24.Qf5+=)* 21...Qe8□ 22.Rxh4+ Nh5 23.Qxe8 Raxe8 *(23...Rhxe8 24.Rxh5+ Kg8 25.Kc2↑* looks unpleasant for Black as they only really have work for one rook*)* 24.Rxh5+ Kg8 25.Rxh8+ Kxh8 26.f4= Humanly speaking it feels like White has all the winning chances, but of course the engine tells us it's just a draw.]

[12...e5? 5.06/23 12...h6 0.23 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qxe5± 1-0 Vakhlamov,I (2413)-Howell,D (2650) Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Jul Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (8) is at least substantially better for White.]

13.Rd3! 0-0 White is slightly better.

[Now 13...Qa1+ 14.Kd2 Qa5+ 15.Kd1! Qa1+ runs into 16.Bc1±]

[13...Qxd5? 14.Bxf6 Qxd4 *(14...gxf6? 15.Qxd5 exd5 16.Rde3+-)* 15.Bxd4+-]

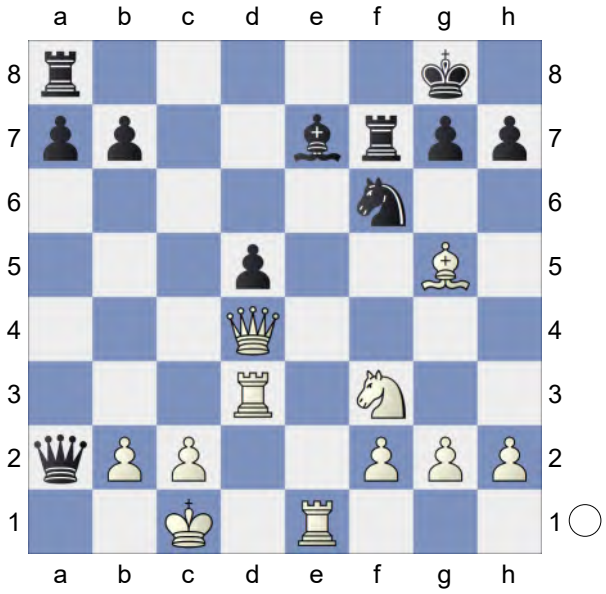
[13...Nxd5? 14.Ra3+-]

14.dxe6 White is more active. **14...d5** 1.31/27

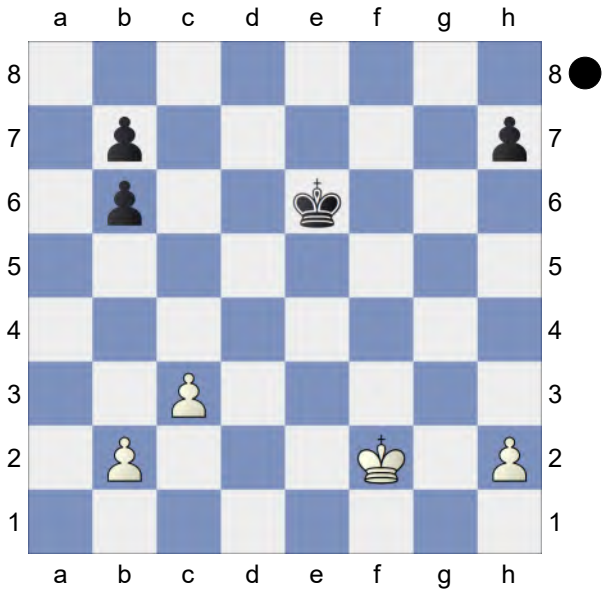
[Also no panacea is 14...Qa1+ 15.Kd2 Qa5+! 16.c3±]

[14...fxe6 15.Ra3 Qd5 16.Qxd5 *(16.Rxa7? Qxd4* Remove Defender *17.Nxd4 Rxa7-+)* 16...Nxd5 17.Bxe7 *(17.Rxe6 Rxf3* Remove Defender *18.Rxf3 Bxg5+ 19.Kb1 Rd8∓)*

17...Nxe7 18.Rxe6]
[⌓14...Qa1+ 0.78/24 15.Kd2 Qa5+ 16.c3 h6]
15.exf7+ 0.93/22
[After the solid 15.c3 (threatening the d5-pawn) Black would have found themselves in serious trouble, e.g. Rad8? 3.96/23 *(15...a5±* 1.08/24 keeps fighting.) 16.Rde3+- aiming for exf7+. Rfe8 5.79/25 *(⌓16...Rde8* 3.84/22 *17.exf7+* Discovered Attack *Kxf7)* 17.exf7++- Kxf7 18.Ne5+→]
[⌓15.c3! 1.31/27]
15...Rxf7±



16.Rxe7 -0.01/26 **Rxe7= 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qxf6 Rg7 19.Ng5∞** Black's king safety is of course questionable in the extreme, but it reduces to the kind of concrete problem that the current generation of Indian prodigies have little problem sloughing through. Black is weak on the dark squares **19...Qa1+**
[19...Rf8!? 20.Qe6+□ Kh8=]
20.Kd2 Qa5+
[20...Rf8!? 21.Qe6+□ Kh8=]
21.c3 Dancing on a razor blade.
21...Qb6 Defusing the situation.
22.Qxb6 axb6 23.Rxd5∓
Endgame KRR-KRN **23...h6!**
[23...Rf8 is interesting and likely leads to a pawn ending where White is asked one question, though not an especially tricky one: 24.Ne6 Rxf2+ 25.Ke3 Rgxg2 26.Rd8+ Kf7 27.Rf8+ Kxe6 28.Rxf2 Rxf2 29.Kxf2



Kd5! 30.Ke3 Kc4 31.Kd2 *(31.Ke4* also draws*)* 31...Kb3 32.Kd3! *(32.Kc1??* -12.64/31 32.Kd3 -1.54 *h5 33.h4 b5 34.Kb1 b4 35.cxb4 Kxb4)* 32...b5! 33.Kd4 Kxb2 34.Kc5 Kxc3 (→ ...b4) 35.Kxb5 Kd3 -1.15/29 *(⌓35...h5* -1.57/39 *36.Kb6 h4)* 36.Kb6∓ h5 37.Kxb7 h4 38.Kc6 Ke4 39.Kd6 Kf3 40.Ke5 Kg2 41.Kf4 Kxh2 (→ ...Kg2) 42.Kf3=]
24.Ne4 Rxg2 25.Rd7 Rc8 -0.01/21 Consenting to a move repetition.
[Black doesn't yet quite believe in their advantage enough to drag things out with 25...Rg7 .]
[25...Rg7∓ -0.47/23 was preferable. 26.Rd6 Re7 27.Nf6+ Kf8]
26.Nf6+= The position is equal. **26...Kf8**
27.Nh7+ Kg8
[27...Ke8!? 28.Nf6+□ Kf8 29.Nh7+

Ke8=]
28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Nh7+ Kg8
[29...Ke8!? 30.Nf6+□ Kf8=]
30.Nf6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
30...Kf8
½-½

100 **B30**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,M.** **2725**
■ **Mekhitarian,K.** **2564**
Titled Tue 25th Mar Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Nbd2 e5 7.a4 Be6 8.b3 h6 9.Bb2 Bd6 10.Nh4 0-0-0 11.0-0 g5 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.exf5 Qd7 14.Qf3 g4
[Fritz 20: 14...Nd5 1.09 15.f6 g4 16.Qe2 Bc7 17.Rae1 h5 18.Nc4 Rde8 19.f3 Rhg8 20.Qf2 Rg5 21.fxg4 hxg4 22.Qh4 Rf5 23.Rxf5 Qxf5 24.Qf2 Qxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Nxf6 26.g3 Nd7 27.Kg2 b5 28.Ne3 Rg8 29.Bc1 Rg5 30.Rf1 f6 31.Nf5 Rh5 32.axb5 cxb5 0.04/29]
15.Qe2
[Fritz 20: 15.Qg3 0.11 Rhe8 16.Ne4 Qxf5 17.Nxd6+ Rxd6 18.f3 gxf3 19.Rxf3 Qg5 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Re1 Rde6 22.Rf5 Nd5 23.Rxg5 f6 24.Rg6 Kd7 25.g3 b5 26.h4 Rh8 1.09/29]
15...Qxf5 16.f3 g3 17.hxg3 Qg6 18.Ne4 Bc7
[Fritz 20: 18...Nxe4 1.06 19.fxe4 Rdg8 20.Qf3 Rh7 21.Qf5+ Qxf5 22.Rxf5 Rxg3 23.Re1 Rhg7 24.Re2 Kd7 25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 R3g5 27.Rxg5 Rxg5 28.Kf2 Ke6 29.Re3 h5 30.Rh3 b5 31.g3 f5 32.Rh4 fxe4 33.Rxe4+ Kd6 34.Kf3 Rf5+ 35.Rf4 0.20/27]
19.Nxf6 Qxf6 20.f4 Qg6 21.fxe5 Qxg3 22.Qf3 Qxf3 23.Rxf3 Rh7 24.Re1 Re8 25.Re4 Re6 26.Rf6
[Fritz 20: 26.Rf5 0.11 Kd7 27.b4 cxb4 28.Rxb4 Bb6+ 29.Kf1 c5 30.Rbf4 Ke8 31.Ba3 Rg7 32.a5 0.85/28]
26...Kd7 27.Kf2 Rxf6+ 28.exf6 Bd6 29.Rh4 h5
[Fritz 20: 29...Ke6 1.35 30.a5 Rh8 31.Rh5 Rg8 32.Rxh6 b5 33.Rh3 0.42/27]
30.g4 Ke6 31.gxh5
[Fritz 20: 31.Ke3 0.31 Bg3 32.Rxh5 Rxh5 33.gxh5 Kf5 34.Ba3 Bd6 35.Kf3 Kg5 36.Ke4 Kxf6 37.Bc1 Ke6 38.Bf4 f5+ 39.Kf3 Be7 40.Bb8 Kf6 41.Kf4 Bf8 42.Be5+ Ke6 43.Bc7 Bh6+ 44.Kg3 Bg5 45.a5 a6 46.Bb6 1.15/32]
31...Kf5 32.Kf3 Kg5 33.Rg4+ Kxh5
[Fritz 20: 33...Kf5 9.03 34.Rg7 Rxh5 35.Rxf7 Rh3+ 36.Ke2 Rh2+ 37.Kd1 Rh1+ 38.Ke2 Rh2+ 0.01/31]
34.Rg7 Rh8 35.Rxf7
[Fritz 20: 35.Ke4 6.22 Rf8 36.Kf5 Kh4 37.Be5 Bxe5 38.Kxe5 b5 39.a5 c4 40.bxc4 bxc4 41.dxc4 Kh3 42.Kd6 Rd8+ 43.Ke7 Rd4 44.c5 Rc4 45.Rxf7 Rxc5 46.Rh7+ Kg4 47.f7 Re5+ 48.Kd6 Rb5 8.60/30]
35...Rb8
[Fritz 20: 35...Kg6 11.08 36.Rd7 Bf8 37.Rxb7 Rh3+ 38.Kg2 Re3 39.Kf2 Rh3 40.Be5 a6 41.Rb8 Kf7 42.Ra8 Rh5 43.Bg3 Rf5+ 44.Ke3 Rxf6 45.Rxa6 Re6+ 46.Kd2 Rg6 47.Bf2 Bd6 48.Ke2 Ke6 49.Rxc6 Kd7 50.Ra6 Rg2 6.22/29]
36.Rd7
1-0

101 **B31**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2752**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
EU-Cup 38th Durres (6.1) 06.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Nf6 8...Be6 is the recent fashion. 8...Le6 ist aktuell in Mode. **9.Nc4 Nd7 10.h4N**
[Vorgänger: 10.a4 a5 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 b6 13.h4 Ba6 0.90/21 *(13...h5=* 0.21/18 *)* 14.h5± Rfe8 15.Nh2 0.75/20 *(⌓15.g3* 1.13/20 *)* 15...Bxc4± 16.bxc4 Qh4 1.20/21 *(Black should play 16...Reb8±* 0.68/21 *)* 17.Nf1 0.78/22 *(⌓17.Bc3* 1.20/21 *)* 17...Nf8 ½-½ Sjugirov,S (2705)-Ter Sahakyan,S (2609) Speed Chess Q1 Sw blitz 2023 (9)]
10...Nb6 11.Ne3 Prevents Bg4 **11...h5 12.g3 Be6 13.b3 f6 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.a4 a5 16.Nc4 Bh6 17.Qc3 Bxc1 18.Raxc1 b6 19.Qd2 0-0-0 20.Qe3 Kb7 21.Kh1 Nf8 22.Rg1 Bf7 23.Rg2 Ne6 24.Nfd2 Qc7** -0.01/23
[24...Rhg8∓ -0.48/21]
25.Qf3!= Qe7 26.Qe3! Qc7 -0.01/23
[26...Rhe8∓ -0.38/23]
27.Qf3! Qe7 -0.01/21
[27...f5!∓ -0.66/26]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
28.Qe3!
½-½

102 **B31**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2780**
Chess.com Speed Chess blitz (4.6)
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-

ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

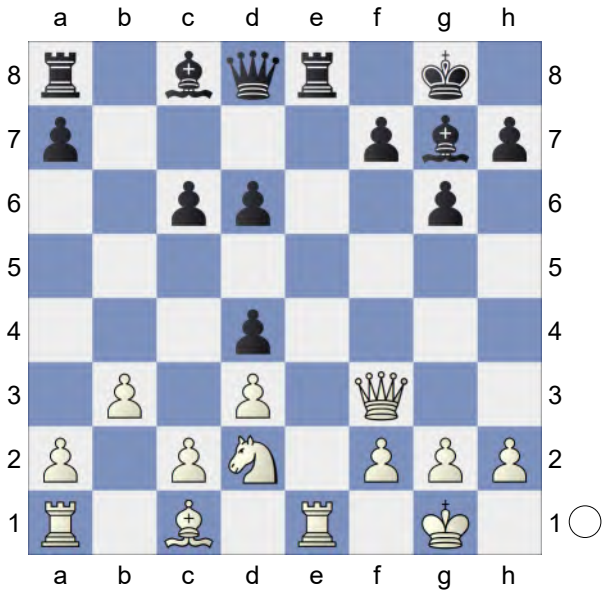
3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Nh6 7.e5 Nf5 8.d3 0-0 9.Nbd2 White has an edge. **9...d6 10.b3 Nd4 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.exd6 exd6 13.Qf3 Re8** 0.85/23

[13...Qa5= 0.01/22 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



14.Rxe8+!± Qxe8 15.Ba3 Be6 16.Ne4 0.52/21

[16.Bxd6± 0.93/23 And now Re1 would win. Bd5 17.Qf4]

16...d5? 3.81/23

[16...Qd8!± 0.52/21]

17.Nf6++- Bxf6 18.Qxf6 Qd8 Black is weak on the dark squares **19.Qxd4 f6 20.Re1 Kf7 21.Bb2 a6 22.Qh4 h5 23.Qf4 g5 24.Qf3 Bg4 25.Qe3 Qd6** Prevents f4. **26.h3 Bd7 27.Qf3?** 0.44/22

[27.Qb6+- 2.83/22]

27...g4± 28.hxg4 hxg4 29.Qg3 Qxg3 30.fxg3 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **30...Re8** 1.90/27

[30...c5!± 0.66/25]

31.Rc1? 0.19/22

[31.Rxe8+- 1.90/27 Bxe8 32.Bd4]

31...c5= 32.Kf2 c4 33.Rd1 Bf5 34.Rd2 Rc8 and ...c3 should not be overlooked **35.Bd4 cxd3 36.cxd3 Rc1** 1.25/25

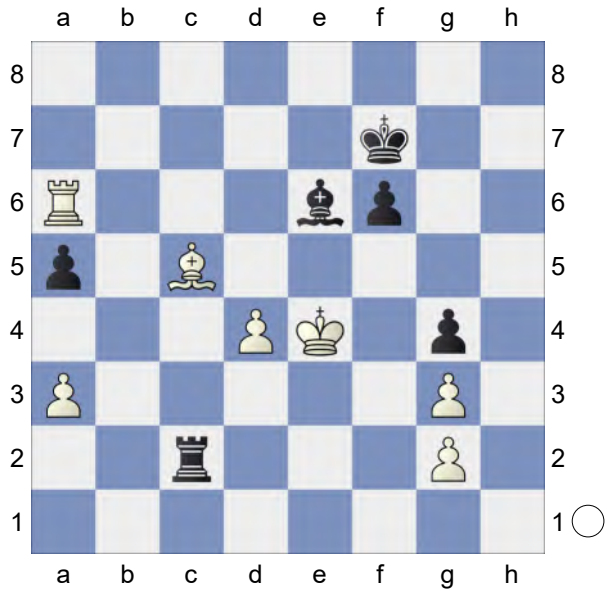
[36...Re8!= 0.30/23]

37.b4 0.01/26

[37.Bb2± 1.25/25 Rb1 38.Ke3]

37...Rb1 38.Bc3 d4 Deflection **39.Bxd4 Rxb4 40.Ke3 Ra4 41.Bc5 Ke6 42.a3**

Kd5 1.03/28
[42...Ra5= 0.15/23 43.d4 Kf7]
43.Bb4± a5 44.Be7 Ke6 45.Bf8 Kd5? 2.52/25
[45...Kf7± 0.90/27 46.Bc5 Bd7]
46.Rc2 1.30/27
[White has to play 46.Rb2+- 2.52/25]
46...Ke6 2.46/32
[46...Bd7± 1.30/27 was necessary. 47.Rc7 Ke6]
47.Rc6++- Kf7 48.Bc5 Be6 49.Rd6 0.89/24 Inhibits Bd5.
[49.Kd2+- 2.05/26 is more deadly.]
49...Bf5? 7.64/27
[49...f5± 0.89/24]
50.Ra6 Be6 51.d4? 0.40/24
[51.Kd2+- 4.83/27 Bd5 52.Kc2]
51...Rc4!± 52.Ke4 Rc2 1.13/24
[Black should try 52...a4± 0.34/24]



53.Rxa5 0.15/22
[White should try 53.Ra7+!± 1.13/24 Kg6 54.Bd6 *(54.Rxa5 Rxg2 55.Bd6 Rg1±)*]
53...Re2+= 54.Kd3 Rxg2 55.Bd6 f5? 7.57/24
[55...Bd5= 0.30/23]
56.d5+- White is clearly winning.
56...Bd7 57.Ra7 Ke8 58.a4 Rg1 59.Kd4 Re1 60.a5 Re4+ 61.Kc5 f4 62.Bxf4 Ra4 63.Ra8+ Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/Black=0.64
64.a6
1-0

103 **B31**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2727**
AI Cup Div 1 W rapid (3.1) 27.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4

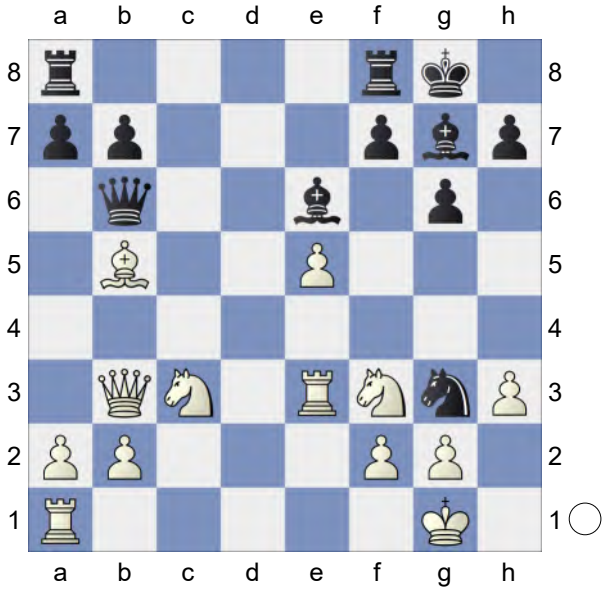
Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 e5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 9...Nxd4 is becoming the main line. 9...Sxd4 wird zur Hauptvariante. **10.dxe5 Nxe4 11.Nc3 Qb6** White has an edge.

[11...Be6 12.Bf4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Qa5]

12.Qe2 Rd8N

[Vorgänger: 12...Ng3 13.Qd3 0.24/21 *(13.Qc2!± 0.60/22 Nf5 14.Bxc6 Qxc6 15.Qd1)* 13...Bf5 1.16/24 *(13...Nb4!=* 0.24/21 remains equal. *14.Qd2 Ne4)* 14.Qxd5± Nb4 1.93/25 *(14...Be6±* 1.12/23 *15.Qd1 Nf5)* 15.Qb3 1.19/22 *(15.Qc4+-* 1.93/25 *Nd3 16.Be3)* 15...Nc2± 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Be6



18.Qa3 0.01/22 *(18.Bc4!±* 1.17/21 *Bxc4 19.Qxc4)* 18...Rfd8 0-1 Belenkaya,D (2299)-Samdanova,S (2060) RUS-ch Higher League (Women) 66th 2016 (1)]

13.Bxc6

[13.Bf4 Bf5 14.Rad1 Be6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Rxd8+ Rxd8 18.Ng5]

13...Nxc3 14.bxc3 bxc6 15.Bg5 Re8 16.Qd2 c5 17.Bf6 0.12/24

[17.Rad1± 0.53/19]

17...Bxf6= 18.exf6 Bf5 19.Qf4 Re4

[19...Qxf6 20.g4±]

20.Rxe4 dxe4 The position is equal. **21.Ne5 Qxf6 22.Ng4! Qxc3 23.Rc1 Qd4 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Nxf5+**

[25.Re1 looks sharper. Be6 26.Rxe4 Qa1+ 27.Kh2]

25...gxf5 Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is two pawns up. **26.Qg5+ Kh8 27.Qxf5** White wants to play Re1!. **27...e3 28.Qxf7**

[28.Qxc5 exf2+ 29.Kf1 Qxc5 30.Rxc5 Rb8]

28...Rg8

[28...exf2+ simplifies 29.Qxf2 Rf8 30.Qxd4+ cxd4 31.Rc2 Rf4]

29.Re1

[29.Qxa7 exf2+ 30.Kf1 Qd3+ 31.Kxf2 Qd2+ 32.Kf3 Rf8+ *(32...Qxc1? 33.Qd7-+)*]

29...exf2+ 30.Qxf2 Rf8 Pin **31.Qxd4+ cxd4** KR-KR **32.Rd1 Rd8 33.Kf2 Rc8 34.Ke2 Rc4 35.Rd3 Ra4 36.a3 Kg7 37.Kf3 Kf6 38.Ke4 Ke6 39.g4 h6 40.h4**

[40.Rxd4 Rxa3 41.Kf4 Rxh3]

40...Ra5 41.h5

[41.Rxd4 h5±]

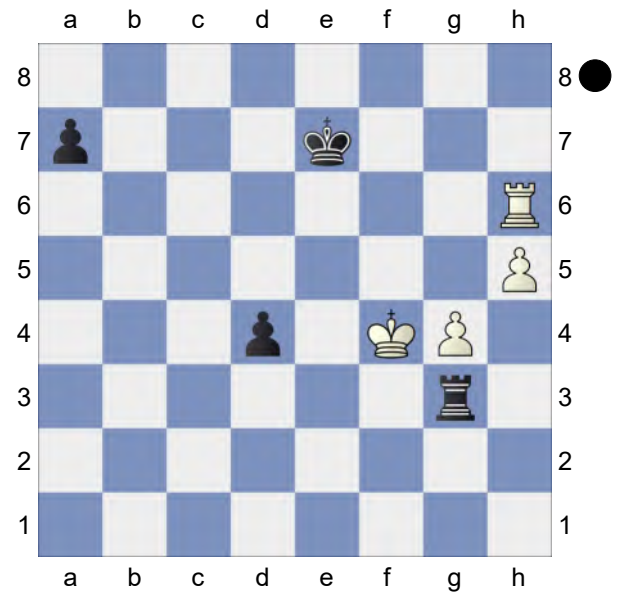
41...Rg5 42.Rg3 Rd5 43.Rf3 Rg5 44.Rf4

[44.Kxd4 Rxg4+ 45.Kc5 Rg5+ 46.Kb4 Rxh5∓]

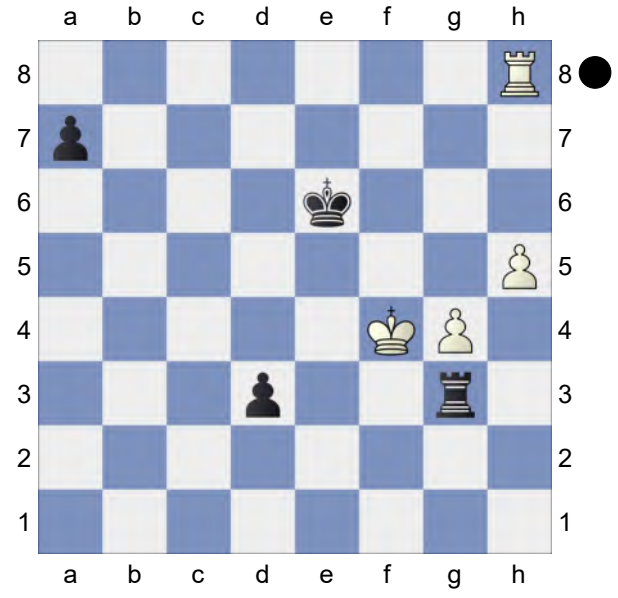
44...Ra5 45.Rf8 Threatens to win with Rh8. **45...Rxa3 46.Rh8 Rg3!**

[46...Re3+? 47.Kxd4 Rg3 48.Rxh6+ Kf7 49.Rg6+-]

47.Rxh6+ Ke7 48.Kf4



d3! 49.Rh7+
[49.Kxg3 d2 50.Rh7+ Ke6 51.Rxa7 *(51.Rh6+? Ke5-+)* 51...d1Q *(51...d1B? 52.h6+-)* 52.Ra6+ Kd7 53.Ra7+ Kc8∓]
[49.Ra6 d2]
49...Ke6 50.Rh8
[50.Kxg3 d2 51.Rxa7 *(51.Rh6+? Ke5-+)* 51...d1Q *(51...d1B? 52.h6+-)* 52.Ra6+ Ke7 53.Ra7+ Kf6 54.Ra6+ Kf7 55.Ra7+ Kf6 56.Ra6+ Ke5 57.Ra5+ Kd4∓]



50...Ke7! and ...d2 should not be overlooked **51.Ra8**
[51.Kxg3 d2 52.Ra8 *(52.Rh7+ Ke6∓)* 52...d1Q∓ *(52...d1R? 53.h6+-)*]
[51.Rh7+ Ke6]
51...d2 (→ ...Ra3) **52.Rxa7+**
[Much weaker is 52.Kxg3 d1Q *(52...d1R?* is the wrong capture. *53.h6+-)* 53.Rxa7+ Kd8∓]
52...Ke6 53.Ra1 Rd3 54.Rd1 Kf6 55.g5+ Kg7 56.Ke4 Rd8 57.Kf4 Rd5 58.Kg4 Rd4+ 59.Kf5 Rd5+ 60.Kf4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
60...Kh7
½-½

104 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Ibarra Jerez,JC.** **2545**
Titled Tue 6th May Early blitz (9) 6.5.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nd4N
[4...Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4*

Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5.Nxd4 cxd4 6.c3 a6 7.Bd3 Bc5 8.b4 0.06/19

[8.Na3± 0.46/18]

8...Ba7= 9.Bb2 Ne7 10.Na3

[10.cxd4 d5±]

10...d5 11.e5 dxc3 12.dxc3 Ng6 13.c4 0-0 14.Qg4 -0.53/20

[14.c5= 0.16/19]

14...dxc4 0.08/25

[14...Bd7∓ -0.53/20]

15.Bxg6

[15.Be4 keeps more tension. f5 16.exf6 e5 17.Qg5]

15...fxg6 16.Nxc4 -0.63/25

[16.Rad1!= -0.01/25 Bd7 17.Nxc4]

16...Bd7 -0.16/22

[16...h5∓ -0.63/25 17.Qg3 *(17.Qxg6 Qh4=)* 17...Qd5]

17.Nd6 -0.53/24

[17.Rad1!= -0.16/22]

17...Qe7 0.23/23

[17...Qb6∓ -0.53/24 18.Nc4 Qd8 *(18...Qxb4 19.Ba3=)*]

18.Bd4 -0.15/23

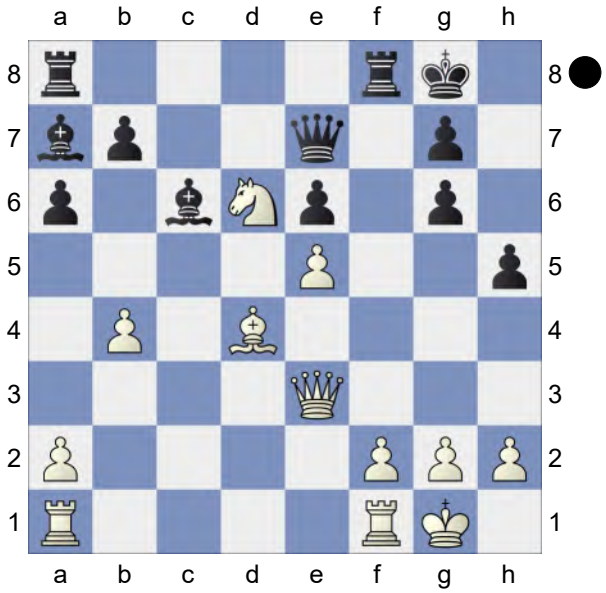
[18.Nxb7 h5 *(18...Bb5 19.Nd6∓)* 19.Qe4 *(19.Qxg6? Qxb4 20.Rab1 Qxb7-+)* 19...Bb5∓]

[18.a4 0.23/23 might be stronger.]

18...h5 19.Qe4 -1.67/24

[19.Qd1= -0.02/24]

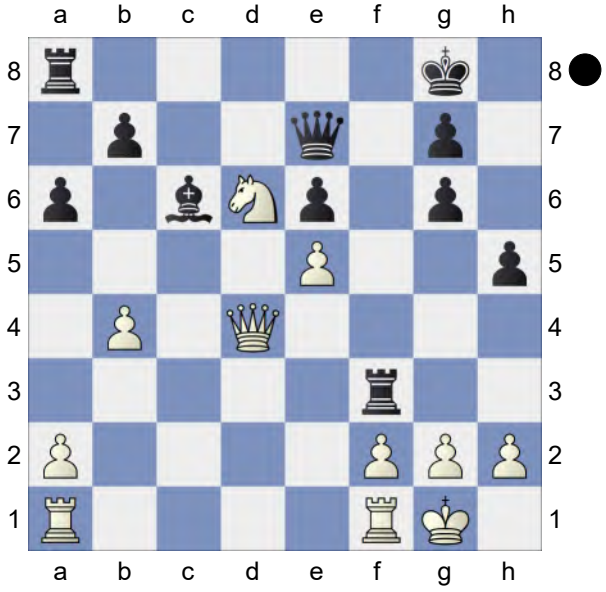
19...Bc6-+ 20.Qe3



Rf3! 21.Qd2 And now Bxa7 would win.

[21.gxf3? Bxd4 22.Qd2 *(22.Qf4? Rf8-+)* 22...Bxf3-+ *(22...Bxa1? 23.Rxa1 Rf8 24.Ne4-+; 22...Bxe5? 23.Ne4-+)*]

21...Bxd4 Deflection **22.Qxd4**

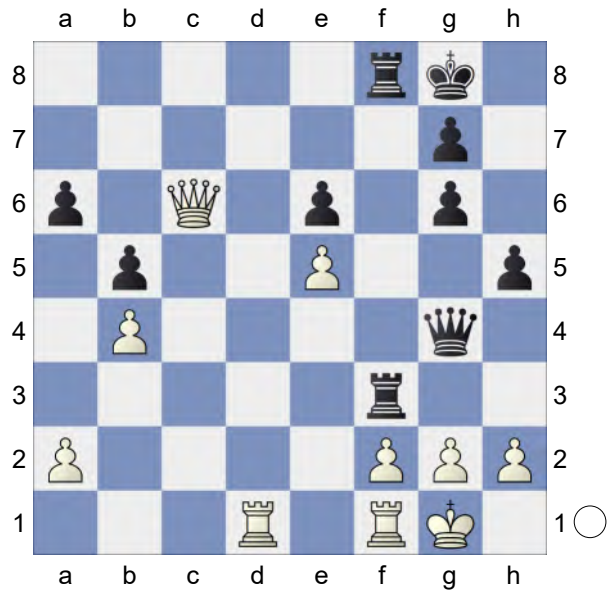


Qg5 -0.16/25

[22...Raf8!∓ -1.42/22 White must now prevent ...R8f4. 23.Rad1 R3f4]

23.Ne4↑ White has the initiative.

23...Bxe4
[23...Rf4 simplifies 24.Nxg5 Rxd4 25.Nxe6 Rxb4 26.Rad1 Re8]
24.Qxe4 Raf8 25.Rad1 b5 0.53/25
[Black should try 25...Ra3= -0.01/24]
26.Qc6±
[26.h4!? R3f4□ 27.hxg5 Rxe4 28.Rd6=]
26...Qg4 2.94/24
[26...R3f5± 0.51/21]

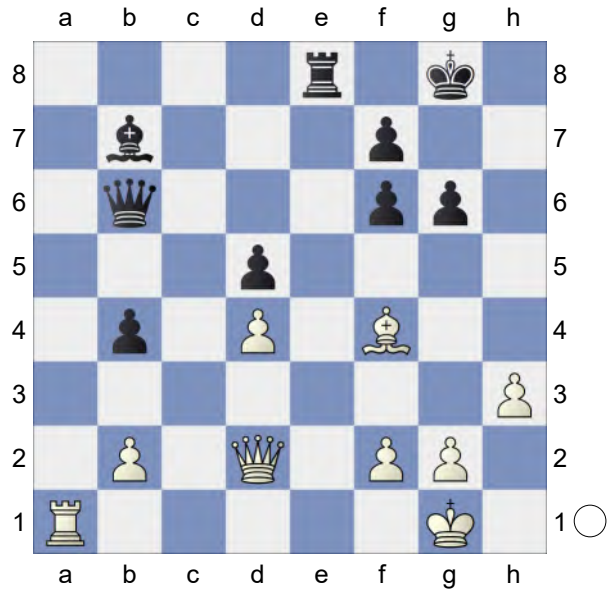


27.h3!+-
[27.Qxa6? Rxf2-+]
27...Rxh3 7.16/27
[27...Qxb4? perishes. 28.gxf3 Kh7 29.Qe4 *(29.Qxe6 Rxf3 30.Qd5 Rf5+-)* 29...Qxe4 30.fxe4+-]
[27...Qg5 2.43/23 28.Qxa6 Kh7]
28.f3 White is clearly winning.
[And not 28.Qxa6 Rh4∓]
28...Qf5 29.gxh3 Qg5+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.57
30.Kh1
1-0

105 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,M.** **2839**
■ **Ansat,Aldiyar** **2469**
Titled Tue 12th Aug Late blitz (10)
[Kitty Kat]

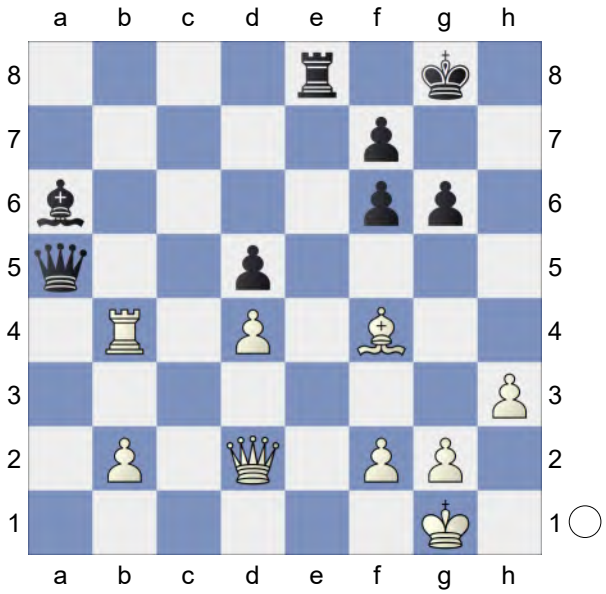
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 a6N
[5...d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 Bb7 8.a4 Ng6! 9.Re1 Rc8 0.38/24
[9...Be7= -0.07/20 might be stronger.]

10.axb5 axb5 11.Na3 The position is equal. **11...b4** 0.66/23
[11...Ra8= -0.04/20]
12.Nc4± Be7 13.d4 cxd4 1.15/23
[13...bxc3± 0.41/22 14.d5 *(14.bxc3 cxd4 15.h4 d6=)* 14...Nb4]
14.cxd4± d5 1.71/23
[14...0-0± 1.02/20]
15.exd5+- exd5 16.Nce5 0.63/22
[16.Ne3!+- 1.91/22]
16...0-0± 17.Bf5 Rc7 18.Bxg6 0.30/22
[18.Be3± 0.80/21]
18...hxg6= 19.Bf4 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rc8 0.83/20
[20...Bd6± 0.33/20]
21.h3 0.19/23 White has more active pieces.
[21.Qe2± 0.83/20 Re8 22.Qb5]
21...Bf6 22.Ng4 Qb6 23.Nxf6+ gxf6 24.Qd2 Rfe8 Dodges Re7 **25.Rxe8+ Rxe8**



26.Ra4! Ba6 27.Rxb4 Qa5 1.36/25
[27...Qe6± 0.62/22]

(Diagram)



28.Kh2 0.76/24
[Better is 28.Rb8! 1.36/25 Qa1+ 29.Kh2 Rxb8 30.Bxb8]
28...Kg7± 29.Bh6+ Kh7 Hoping for ... Re2. **30.Rb3 Qc7+ 31.Bf4 Qc4 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.Qxe3 Qe2** 2.26/28
[33...Qb4± 0.88/24 is a better defense.]
34.Qxe2+- Bxe2 Endgame KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **35.h4 Kg7 36.f3** 1.38/30
[36.Kg3+- 2.91/27]
36...Kf8 37.Kg3 f5 38.Kf2 Bb5 0.77/27
[⌓38...Bd3 1.50/31 39.Bg5 Kg7]
39.b4 0.25/31
[39.Bg5± 0.77/27]
39...Ke7 40.g4 fxg4 41.fxg4 Black is now going downhill. **41...Ke6?** 4.88/34
[41...f6± 0.34/30]
42.h5 gxh5 43.gxh5 Kd7? 13.53/22
[43...Kf5 3.81/29 44.Ke3 f6]
44.h6 h7 would kill now. White is clearly winning. **44...Bd3 45.Ke3 Bh7 46.b5 Kc8 47.Bd6 Kb7 48.Bc5 f6 49.Kf4 Kc7 50.Be7 Kb6 51.Bxf6 Kxb5 52.Ke5 Kc4 53.Ke6 Bg6 54.Be5 Bh7 55.Kf6** Hoping for Kf7. **55...Kd3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.85 **56.Kg7**
1-0

106 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **So,Wesley** **2753**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (2.17)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Nc3 Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5 7.0-0
[7.Ng5 f6 8.Ne4 *(8.Qf3 Nc7 9.exf6 exf6 10.Qh5+ g6 11.Qe2+ Ne6 12.Nxe6 dxe6)* 8...f5 9.Nbc3 *(9.c4)* 9...Nxc3 10.Nxc3]
7...a6
[7...g6 8.d4 Nc7 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.d5]
[7...d6 8.d4 a6 9.dxc5]
8.c4 Nb4
[8...Nc7 1.02/21 8...Nb4 0.63 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Qxd4]
[8...axb5 9.cxd5 b6 10.d4 Bb7 1.74/22 *(10...c4± 1.11/21)* 11.dxc5+- bxc5 12.Be3 c4 13.d6 1.01/19 *(⌓13.Qd4* 1.48/19 *)*]
[8...Nb6 9.Nc3! Nxc4 10.d4]
9.Nc3 d6! 9...d5 is the modern continuation. 9...d5 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **10.d4!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Ne4 0.27/21 *(11.d4; 11.d4±* 0.65/23 *)*
A) 11...Qd3
A1) 12.Re1 Bf5! 13.Re3 *(13.Ne5!? Qd4 14.a3±)* 13...Qc2! 14.Qe2 Bxe4! 15.Ne1! Dodges Bd3 Qa4! 16.Rxe4;
A2) 12.Re1± 0.56/24 was preferable.;
A3) 12.Nxc5 0.18/22 12...Qxc4= 13.d4 Qc2 14.Qe1 Nd5 15.Qe5 Qf5 16.Qxf5 Bxf5 17.Nxb7 e6;
B) 11...Qd3= 0.27/21 12.Nxc5 Qxc4;
C) 11...Qc7 0.71/22 12.d4± cxd4 13.Re1 *(13.Nxd4* -0.01/19 13.Re1 0.64 *e5)*
C1) 13...d3 1.00/23 13...Bg4 0.

60 14.Qa4+ Nc6 15.c5 0.37/22 *(White should try 15.b4!± 0.97/21)* 15...e6± 16.Qa3;

C2) 13...Bg4 14.Qa4+ Nc6 15.Nxd4 0-0-0 1.34/23 *(15...Rd8!± 0.58/21 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Qxc6+ bxc6)* 16.Nxc6± Qxc6 17.Qa5 *(17.Qxc6+? 0.19/24 17.Qa5 1.96 bxc6 18.Be3 e6 19.Bb6 Rd7 20.f3 Bf5)*]

10...cxd4N White has an edge. **11.Qxd4**

[11.Qa4+ Nc6 12.Nxd4 *(12.Nd5 -0.36/22 12.Nxd4 0.43 dxe5! 13.Nxe5 b5! 14.Nxc6 bxa4 15.Nxd8 Kxd8)* 12...Bd7]

11...Nc2 12.Qe4 Nxa1 13.Bf4 Be6! 14.Rxa1 Rc8!

[14...dxe5]

15.Nd5 -0.34/18

[15.b3!]

[15.b3= 0.22/24]

15...dxe5!∓ 16.Nxe5 Excellent horsemanship. **16...f6**

[16...Rxc4 17.Qxc4 Qxd5]

[16...g6 -0.01/23 16...f6 -0.58 17.Rd1! Bg7 18.Bg5! f6 19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Nd3 Kf7! 22.Qxb7+ Rd7 23.Qf3 Rxd3 24.Qxd3 fxg5 25.Qf3+]

[16...Rxc4 simplifies 17.Qxc4 Qxd5 18.Qxd5 Bxd5 19.Rc1 Be6]

17.Nf3 Bxd5

[17...Qd7 18.Rd1 Kf7]

18.cxd5 Threatening Re1. **18...Rc5 19.d6 Qd7!**

[19...e5? 5.31/27 19...Qd7 -0.14 20.b4 Rb5 21.a4 Rb6 22.Nxe5]

20.b4 Rc6

[20...Rc8 21.Re1 Kf7 22.Nd4! Prevents e6. Re8]

[20...Rc8!?]

21.Re1 Kf7 1.57/26

[21...e5 22.Bxe5 *(22.Nxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5+ Kd8 24.Qa5+ Kc8 25.b5 Rc5 26.Qb6 Qxb5 27.d7+ Qxd7 28.Qa7 Kd8* Threatens to win with ... Qd5. *29.Qb6+! Kc8 30.Qa7)* 22...Kd8! 23.a4! aiming for b5. Bxd6! 24.b5 Rc7! 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.bxa6 Qxa6 27.Nd4 Qc4 28.Ne6+ Kc8! 29.Nxc7 Qxe4! 30.Rxe4 Rd8! (→ ...Rd1+) 31.Kf1 *(31.h4 Kxc7)* 31...Kxc7]

[21...e5= 0.11/24 remains equal. 22.Bxe5 Kd8 *(22...fxe5? 23.Nxe5 Qxd6 24.Nxc6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kd7 25.Ne5+* Discovered Attack *Kc8 26.Nf7+-)*]

22.Nd4↑ Keeping Black busy. White is much more active. **22...e5?** 5.37/30

[22...Rxd6? 2.75/21 22...exd6 1.07 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.Ne6]

[22...exd6 23.Qd5+ Kg6 24.Bd2]

[22...exd6± 1.32/25 is tougher. 23.Qd5+ Kg6]

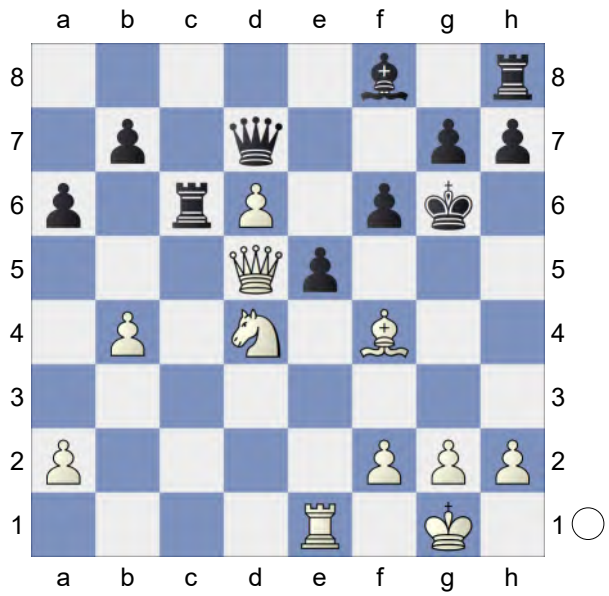
23.Qd5++-

[23.Nxc6 Qxc6 24.Qd3 *(24.Qxc6 bxc6 25.Be3 Bxd6∓)* 24...Qxd6 25.Qc4+ Qe6 26.Qc7+ Be7 27.Qxb7 Rc8∓]

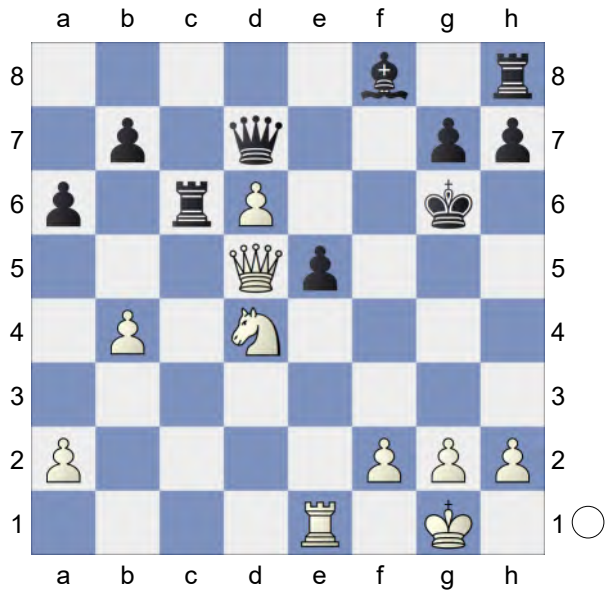
23...Kg6

[23...Ke8 24.Bxe5! 0-1 Van Dael,S (2345)-Kavutskiy,K (2387) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (1) fxe5 25.Qxe5+ Kd8 26.Nxc6+ Qxc6 27.a4 Prevents Qb5 Qxd6 9.58/22 *(27...Bxd6 7.15/24 27...h6 4.53 28.Qg5+; ⌓27...h6 4.90/26 28.b5 Qd7 29.bxa6 Bxd6)* 28.Qe8++- Kc7 29.Rc1+ Kb6 30.Qe3+]

(Diagram)



24.Bxe5
[24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Qe4+ Kf7±]
24...Rxd6
[24...fxe5 8.56/24 24...Rc8 4.66



25.Nf3!]
25.Bxd6 Bxd6 26.Qe4+? 1.91/24 Black is weak on the light squares
[26.g3 5.97/25 h5 27.b5]
26...Kf7 27.Qd5+? 0.01/23
[27.Nf5+- 2.01/24 Rd8 28.Nxd6+ Qxd6 29.Qxb7+ *(29.Qxh7 Qxb4 30.Rc1 Qg4=)* 29...Kg8 30.Qe4]
27...Kg6= 28.g3 White is clearly winning. **28...h6 29.Rd1**
[29.Qe4+ Kf7 30.Nf5]
[Less strong is 29.Ne6 Qc6 30.Qd3+ Kf7±]
29...Re8
[29...Qg4 30.Ne6 Re8 31.Re1]
30.Nf3 Re6 31.Nh4+ Vorgänger: **31...Kh7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.39 **32.Qd3+**
1-0

107 **B31**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2716**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2839**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (1.6)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
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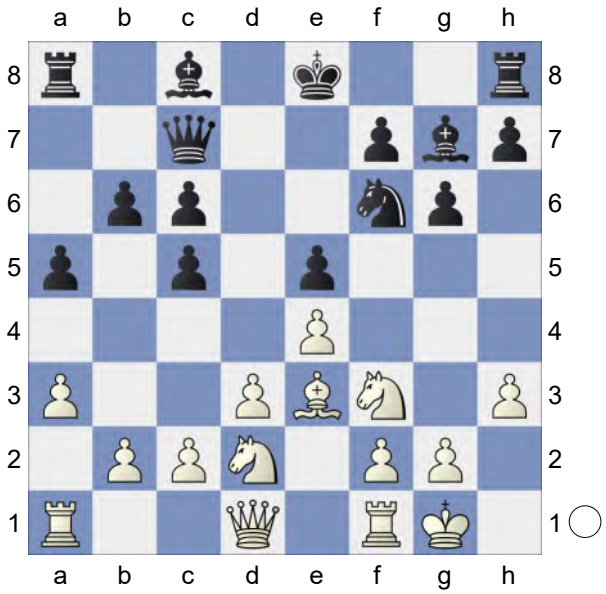
Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.d3 Qc7 7.h3 7.a4 gains popularity. 7.a4 wird beliebter. **7...e5 8.Be3 b6** White is slightly better. **9.a3 a5 10.Nbd2 Nf6**



11.b4! cxb4N

[Vorgänger: 11...Nd7 12.bxc5 Nxc5 13.Bxc5 bxc5 14.Nc4 0-0 15.Rb1 Be6 16.Qe2 Bxc4 17.dxc4 Bh6 1.35/20 ;½-½ Gadimbayli,A (2400)-Orujov,S (2241) Baku op 2017 (6) *(17...Rab8± 0.62/23)*]

[11...axb4 12.axb4]

12.axb4 a4 13.c4 b5 14.cxb5 -0.01/18

[White should try 14.Qc1± 1.00/22 cxb5 would now be deadly. Ba6 15.d4]

14...cxb5= 15.Rc1 Qb8 16.Qc2 -0.87/21

[16.d4= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

16...0-0∓ Now White is beyond hope.

17.Qc7 -1.88/22

[17.Nb1∓ -0.55/20]

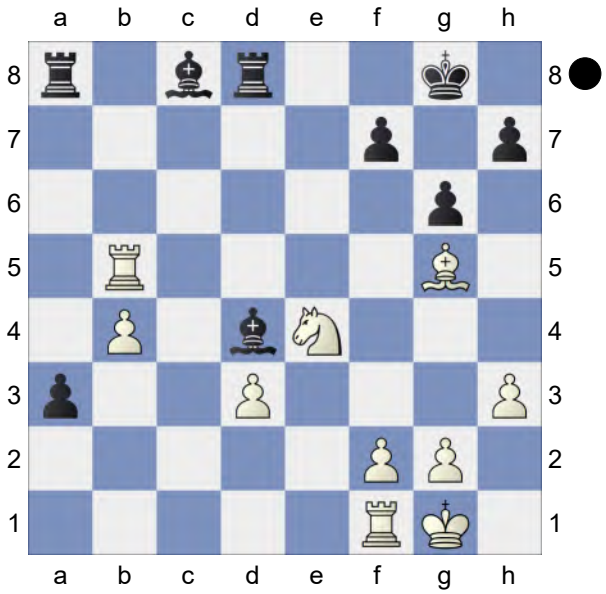
17...Qxc7-+ 18.Rxc7 Rd8 19.Nxe5 -3.04/22

[⌓19.Rc2 -1.80/18]

19...Nxe4 Discovered Attack **20.Nxe4** -4.42/22

[⌓20.Ndf3 -2.77/20 Nf6 *(20...Nd6 21.Nc6∓)* 21.Rxf7]

20...Bxe5 21.Rc5 Bb2 22.Bc1 Bd4 23.Rxb5 a3 Black is clearly winning. **24.Bg5**



Ba6! This pair of bishops is nice.

25.Bxd8 -7.01/27

[⌓25.Ra5 -4.49/26 Bxd3 26.Bxd8 Rxa5 *(26...Rxd8? loses. 27.Re1+-)* 27.Bf6 *(27.bxa5? Bxf1 28.Bb6 Be5-+)* 27...Bxf6 Remove Defender *(27...Bxe4 28.Bxd4 Ra4 29.f3∓; 27...Rd5? 28.Rc1-+)* 28.Nxf6+ Kg7 29.Ne8+ Kf8 30.Ra1]

25...Bxb5 26.Bf6 Bb2

[Weaker is 26...Bxd3 27.Bxd4 Bxe4 28.Ba1∓]

27.Rd1 Bc6 ...Bxe4 would now be deadly. **28.Bxb2 axb2 29.Nc3 Ra1 30.Rf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.

77/Black=0.16 (very precise) **30...Rc1** Decoy
0-1

108 **B30**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2724**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2603**
45th Olympiad 2024 (2.6) 12.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
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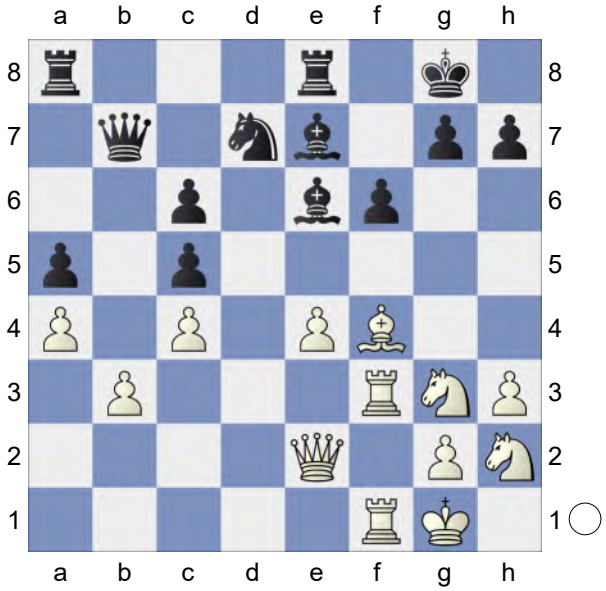
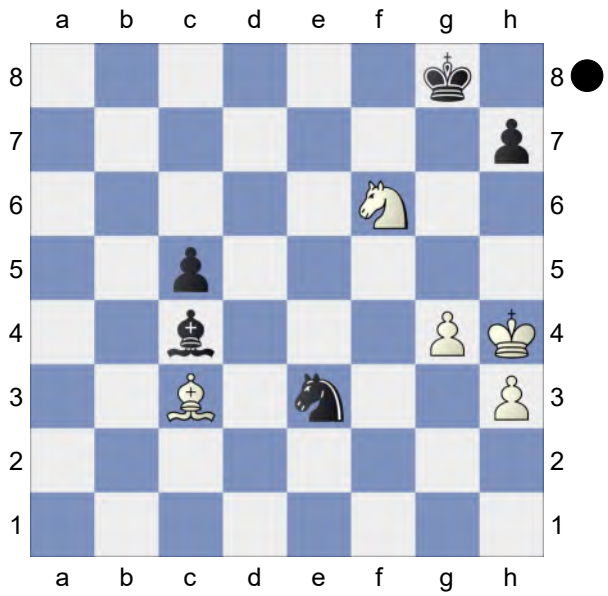
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Nc3 e5 7.0-0 Be7 Repels Nh4 **8.b3** White has an edge. **8...d6 9.Ne2 Nf6 10.Ng3 0-0 11.h3 a5 12.a4 Re8 13.Nh2 d5 14.c4 Be6 15.Rb1 Rab8** And now ...dxc4 would win. **16.Bd2 Red8** 0.65/20
[16...Rb7= -0.01/20]
17.Qe1± Ra8 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 Qb7 20.Qe2 0.22/19
[20.Qf2± 0.59/19]
20...dxe4 1.17/22
[20...Re8= 0.22/19 remains equal.]
21.dxe4± Re8 1.20/20
[21...Nd7!± 0.57/21]
22.Rf3 Nd7 23.Rbf1 0.65/19
[23.Re3± 1.02/20]
23...f6 1.35/20
[Black should try 23...Nf8± 0.65/19]



24.Re3! Bf8 1.67/21
[24...g5? 25.Nf5+-]
[24...Bd8± 1.25/21 keeps fighting.]
25.Nf5+- Rad8 1.76/20
[25...Bf7± 1.36/21]
26.Nf3 Qc8 27.g4 Nb8 28.Ng3 1.31/20

[28.Kh1+- 1.75/21]
28...Na6? 4.00/21
[28...Nd7± 1.31/20]
29.e5 fxe5
[29...g5 30.exf6 gxf4 31.Ng5±]
30.Bxe5 Bf7 31.Bc3 Rxe3 32.Qxe3 Qe6 3.55/24
[32...Bg6 2.02/22]
33.Ne5 Bg6 34.Ne2 1.53/22
[34.Bxa5 Re8 35.Bc3 Qe7+-]
[34.Nf5+- 2.63/22]
34...Bc2? 3.08/23
[34...Nb4± 1.53/22]
35.Nf4
[35.Bxa5 Re8 36.Bc3 Bd6=]
35...Qe8 36.Nh5 1.54/20 Excellent horsemanship.
[36.Bxa5 Rd4 37.Nh5 Bd6±]
[White should try 36.Rf2+- 2.69/22 Bxb3 37.Bxa5]
36...Rd1? 6.42/26
[36...Bg6± 1.54/20]
37.Rxd1
[37.Bxa5 Rxf1+ 38.Kxf1 Bxb3=]
37...Bxd1 38.Qg5? 0.31/24
[38.Bxa5 Bxb3 39.Bc3 Bxa4=]
[38.Qd2+- 6.18/24]
38...Qe7± 39.Qxe7
[39.Qf5 Bxb3 40.g5 Bc2 41.Qg4]
39...Bxe7 40.Nxc6
[40.Bxa5 Nb4∓]
40...Bd6 41.Nxg7 Black must now prevent Ne8.
[Much less strong is 41.Nxa5 Bc7±]
41...Bxb3 42.Ne8 Bxa4 43.Nxd6 Bxc6 44.Bxa5= Endgame KBN-KBN. White is a pawn up. **44...Bd7 45.Kh2 Be6! 46.Kg3 Nb4 47.Kh4 Nc2 48.Bc3 Ne3 49.Ne4** Nf6+ poses a challenge
49...Bxc4 50.Nf6+

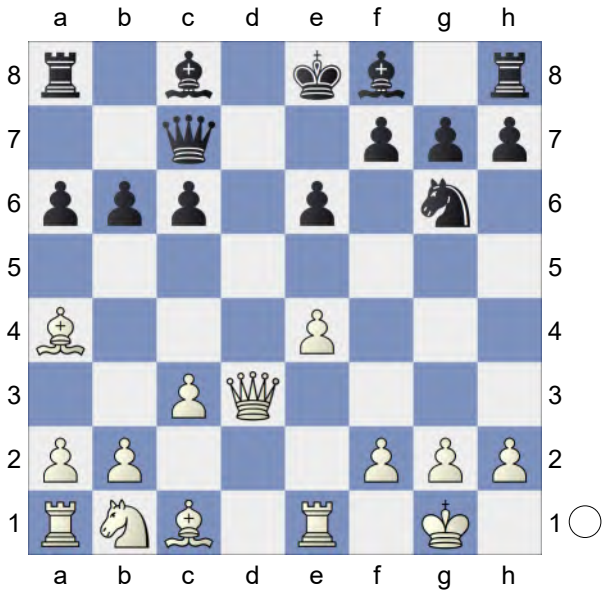
(Diagram)



Deflection **50...Kf7 51.Nxh7 Nd5 52.Ng5+ Kg6 53.Bd2 Bf1 54.Kg3 c4**
[54...Nf6 simplifies 55.Kf3 Nh7 56.Nxh7 Kxh7 57.h4 Kg6]
55.h4 c3 The position is equal. **56.h5+ Kg7 57.Bc1 Be2 58.Ne6+ Kf7 59.Nd4 Bd1 60.Nf5 Nf6 61.Ne3 Bxg4** Remove Defender **62.Nxg4 Nxh5+ 63.Kf3 Nf6 64.Nf2 Ke6 65.Ke3 Nd5+ 66.Kd4 Nf6**
[66...c2 with more complications. 67.Nd3 Nc7 68.Ne1 Nb5+]
67.Kxc3 Kd5 68.Kd3 Nd7 69.Bb2 Ne5+ 70.Ke2 Nc4 71.Ba1 Ne5 72.Ke3 Nc4+ 73.Kf4 Nd6 74.Ng4 Ke6 75.Ne3 Nb5 76.Be5 Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.29 (precise)
76...Nd6
½-½

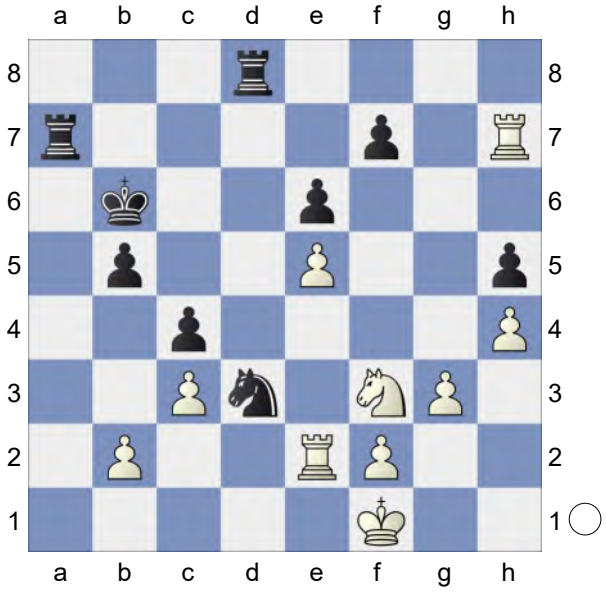
109 **B30**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2670**
■ **Gukesh,Donmaraju** **2746**
London 12.2023
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Ba4 c4 8.d4 White is slightly better. **8...cxd3 9.Qxd3 Ng6 10.Nd4 Qc7 11.Nxc6 dxc6**



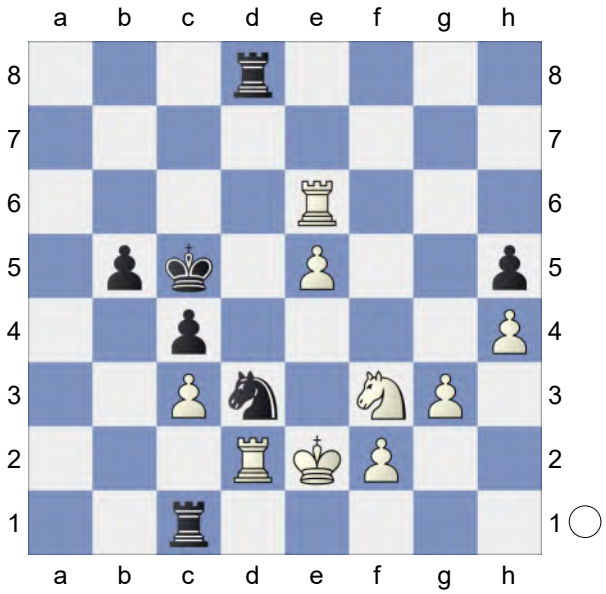
12.e5! Prevents Bd6 **12...Bb7 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Bc2 c5** and ...Bxg2! should not be overlooked **15.Nf3 Rd8 16.Qe2 Qc6 17.Kf1 Kd7** 0.63/23
[17...a5= -0.15/22]
18.Bd3± b5 1.07/22
[18...Nh4± 0.52/22]
19.Qc2 Kc7 20.Be4 0.44/21 Against Qd5
[20.Kg1± 0.90/20]
20...Qd7 21.a4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qd5 23.Qe2 Qd3 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.axb5 axb5 26.Be3 Rb8 27.Ra5 Rd5 28.Rea1 Rb7 29.Ra8 Nf8 1.45/21
[Black should play 29...Bd8 0.73/22]
30.Bg5 0.85/25 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.
[⌓30.Ke2 1.45/21]
30...Ng6± 31.Bxe7 Nxe7 32.Rf8 0.21/26
[32.Ng5± 0.83/22]
32...Ng6 33.Rg8 Kb6 34.Rxg7 h5 35.Re1 Nf4! 36.g3 Nd3 37.Re2 Rg5 is the strong threat. **37...Ra7** 1.06/23
[37...b4± 0.58/24 is more appropriate.]
38.h4 0.01/23

[38.Rh7!± 1.06/23]
38...c4= 39.Rh7 -0.61/26
[Better is 39.Ng5= -0.01/24]
39...Rd8? 1.13/25
[39...Ra1+∓ -0.61/26 keeps the upper hand. 40.Kg2 Ra2]



40.Rd2 0.01/24
[40.Ng5!± 1.13/25]
40...Ra2 41.Rxf7 Rxb2 42.Re7↑ White is pushing. **42...Rb1+ 43.Ke2 Rc1** 1.02/21
[43...b4!= 0.01/24 44.cxb4 *(44.Rxe6+ Kc5+-)* 44...Rxb4]
44.Rxe6+± Kc5

(Diagram)



45.Ng5 0.16/23
[45.Rh6!± 1.39/22]
45...b4? 3.45/23
[45...Rxc3= 0.16/23 and Black stays safe. 46.Ne4+ Kd5 47.Nxc3+ Kxe6]
46.cxb4++- Kxb4 47.Nf3 Repels Re1+ **47...Rc3 48.Rb6+ Kc5 49.Rf6 Re8 50.e6 Nc1+** 5.59/24
[⌓50...Rc1 3.81/22 51.Ra2 Rb1]
51.Kf1 Nd3 52.Ke2? -0.01/20
[52.Kg2+- 6.20/22 Kb4 53.Re2]
52...Nc1+!= 53.Kf1? -0.01/23
[53.Kd1+- 3.76/23]
53...Nd3! Weighted Error Value: White = 0.43 / Black = 0.40 **54.Rd1** An unexpected result.
½-½

110 **B31**
□ **Nadigraj** **2787**
■ **Ucitel** **2735**
Blitz 12.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.c3 Nf6 5.Qe2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 e5 8.d3 Re8 9.Bg5 a6 The position is equal. **10.Ba4 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Nh5 13.Bb3 Nf4 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Re1 d6 16.Nbd2 Qe7 17.Rad1 Be6 18.Nc4** -0.64/21

[18.Bxe6= 0.08/20 Qxe6 19.Nb3]

18...Qc7 -0.06/20

[Black should try 18...b5∓ -0.64/21 19.Ncd2 Bxb3 20.Nxb3 f5]

19.d4= cxd4 20.cxd4 d5

[20...b5 21.d5 *(21.Na3 Bxb3 22.axb3 Qd7∓)* 21...bxc4 22.Qxc4±]

21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Qxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rxe8+ Bf8 Hoping for ...Bxf3. This pair of bishops is nice. **24.Nce5 Bxb3 25.axb3 Kg7** 0.89/22

[25...f6= -0.01/24 26.Ng6 Kf7 27.Rxf8+ Kxg6]

26.d5? -1.17/22 White has more active pieces.

[26.Rc1!± 0.89/22 is necessary to keep the advantage. Threatens to win with d5. Qd6 27.Nxc6 bxc6 28.Rc8]

26...Nxe5!∓ 27.Nxe5 -3.82/26

[27.Rxe5∓ -1.21/23 was called for. Bd6 28.Re8]

27...Bd6? 0.59/23

[27...Qc2!-+ -3.82/26 28.Rf1 Qe2 *(28...Qxb3 29.Rc1=; 28...Qxb2 29.d6=)*]

28.Nc4± b5? 7.71/22

[28...Kh7± 0.55/26]

29.Nxd6+- Qxd6 Endgame KQ-KRR **30.Rc8 f3 31.Rc6**

[31.gxf3 Qd7 32.Rc3 b4+-]

31...Qe5 32.d6

[32.Rxa6 fxg2 *(32...Qxb2? 33.g3±)* 33.Raa1 Qe4∓ *(33...Qxb2 34.d6±)*]

[32.gxf3 Qe2 33.Rcc1 Qxf3±]

32...Qe2 33.Rcc1 g4 34.d7? 0.01/21

[Only move: 34.hxg4+- 10.48/23 Qe4 35.gxf3 Deflection Qxf3 36.Rd4]

34...g3!= 35.Rf1

[35.d8R? Qxf2+ 36.Kh1 fxg2#]

35...Qd2 36.Rcd1 gxf2+

[36...Qxb2? 37.d8Q *(37.d8B b4+-)* 37...Kh7 38.Qd3+ *(38.fxg3? Qxg2#)* 38...Kg7 39.Qxf3+- *(39.gxf3 h5+-)*]

37.Kh2 Really sharp! Black is on the road to losing. **37...Qg5** 15.29/28

[37...Qxb2? 38.d8Q *(38.d8R f5+-)* 38...Qf6 39.Qxf6+ *(39.Rxf2 h5+-)* 39...Kxf6 40.Rxf2+- *(40.gxf3 a5+-)*]

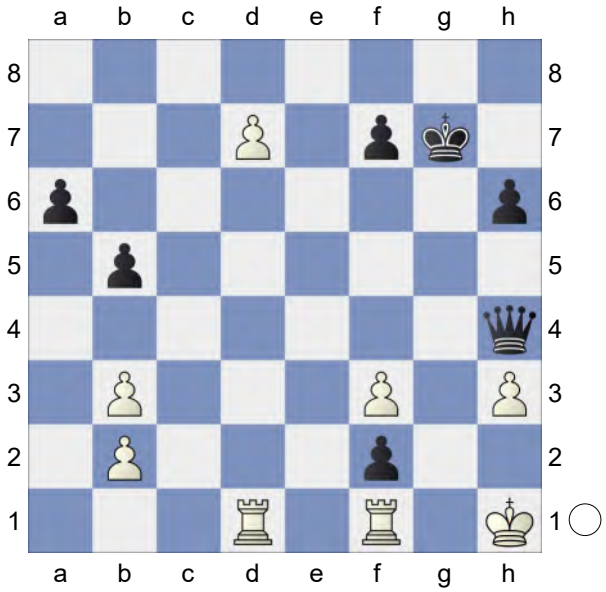
[37...fxg2= 0.01/19 38.Kxg2

(38.Rxd2? gxf1Q-+) 38...Qg5+ 39.Kh1 *(39.Kxf2 Qf5+ 40.Ke3 Qe6+ 41.Kf4 Qf6+ 42.Kg3 Qg6+ 43.Kf3 Qf6+ 44.Ke3 Qe7+ 45.Kf3 Qf6+ 46.Kg2 Qg6+ 47.Kh2 Qc2+ 48.Kh1 Qe4+ 49.Kh2 Qe5+ 50.Kg2 Qe4+ 51.Kg3 Qg6+ 52.Kh2 Qc2+ 53.Kh1 Qe4+ 54.Kg1 Qg6+ 55.Kh1 Qc6+ 56.Kh2 Qc2+=)* 39...Qh5]

38.gxf3

[38.d8R? Qxg2#]

38...Qf4+ 39.Kg2 Qg5+ 40.Kh1 Qh4



41.Rxf2! Qxf2+- KQ-KR **42.Rg1+!**

[42.d8R Qxf3+ *(42...Qxb2 43.Rg1+ Kh7 44.Rdg8∓)* 43.Kh2 Qxb3-+]

42...Kh7 43.d8Q Prevents Qd2

[43.d8B? is the wrong capture. Qxf3+ 44.Kh2 Qf4+ *(44...Qxb3? 45.Bf6-+)* 45.Kh1 Qe3-+]

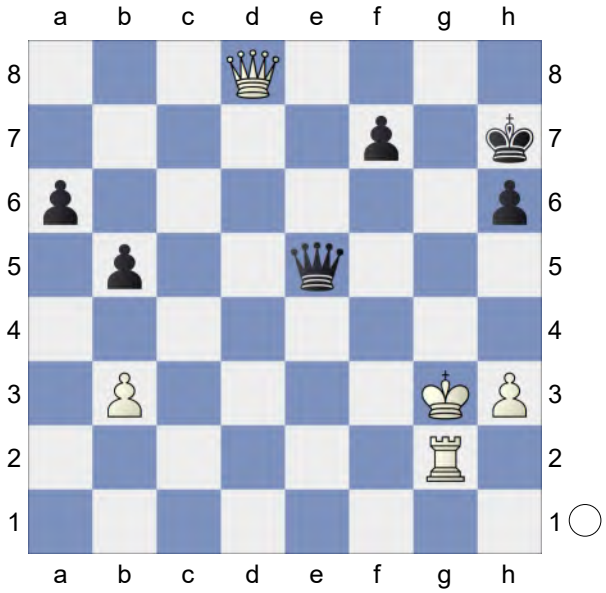
43...Qxf3+ 44.Kh2? 0.01/26

[44.Rg2!+- 6.77/29 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf4+ 46.Kg1 Qc1+ 47.Kf2 Qxb2+ 48.Kf3 Qxb3+ 49.Ke2 Qb2+ 50.Qd2 Qe5+ 51.Kf3 Qf5+ 52.Kg3 Qe5+ 53.Qf4 Qg5+ 54.Qxg5 hxg5 55.Ra2]

44...Qf2+? 6.63/29

[44...Qe2+= 0.01/26 45.Kg3 Qe3+ 46.Kh2 Qe5+ 47.Rg3 Qe2+ 48.Rg2 Qe5+ 49.Kh1 Qe1+ 50.Kh2 Qe5+]

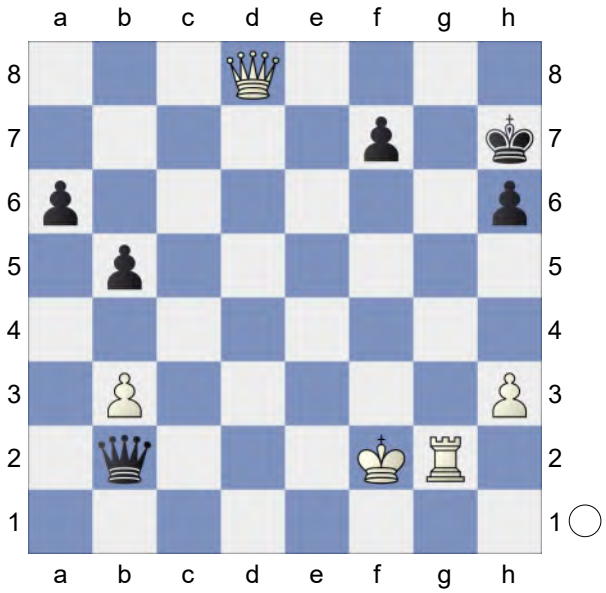
45.Rg2 Qf4+ 46.Kg1 Qc1+ 47.Kf2! Qxb2+ 48.Kg3 Qe5+



49.Kf3! Qc3+ 50.Kf2? -0.01/25

[White should play 50.Kf4+- 8.52/25 Qc1+ 51.Qd2 Qc7+ 52.Kg4]

50...Qb2+=



51.Kf1! Qc1+ 52.Ke2 Qc6 53.Qd3+ 9.56/5

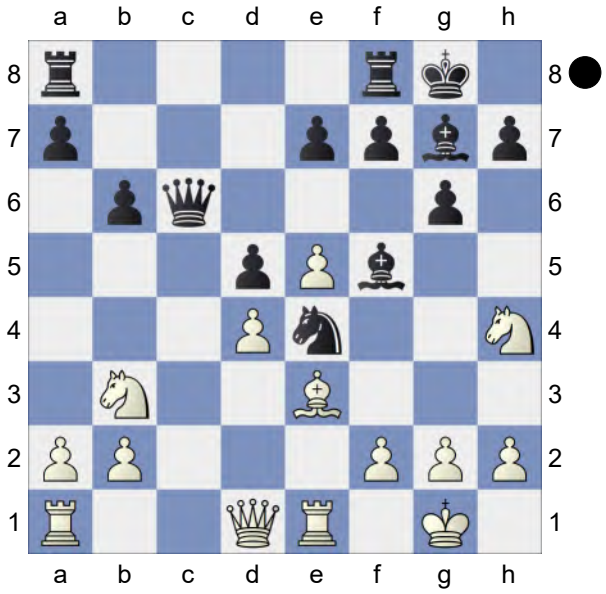
[⌓53.Qg8# #1/6]

53...Kh8 54.Qd4+ f6 Weighted Error

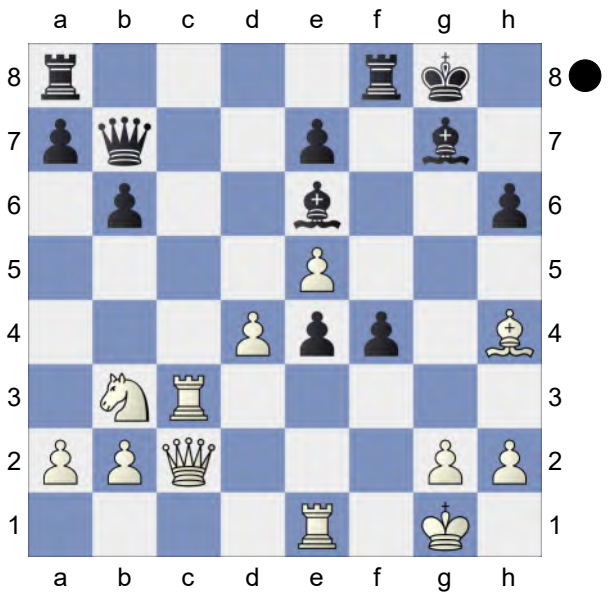
Value: White=0.56/Black=0.95 **55.Qd8+ 1-0**

111 **B31**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2744**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
Zagreb SuperUnited Rapid (1) 05.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Be3 cxd4! 9...cxd4 is better than 9...Qb6. 9...cxd4 ist besser als 9...Db6. **10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Bxc6** White is slightly better. **11...Qxc6 12.Nbd2 Bf5!?N** New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.
[Predecessor: 12...Be6 13.Rc1 Qd7 14.Qb3 Rac8 15.Qa3 b6 16.Ng5 Nxg5 17.Bxg5 f6 18.Bf4 fxe5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.dxe5 ½-½ Yoo,C (2532)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2624) Junior Speed Qual blitz 2022 (1.27)]
13.Nb3 b6 14.Nh4



Be6 15.f3 g5! 16.fxe4 gxh4 17.Bg5 f6! 18.Rc1 Qb7 19.Bxh4 dxe4 20.Rc3 -1.36/20
[White should play 20.Qd2∓ -0.52/20]
20...f5 -0.47/22
[Better is 20...fxe5∓ -1.36/20 and ...Rad8 should not be overlooked 21.Rg3 Kh8]
21.Bg5 f4! Now White is beyond hope.
22.Qc2? -2.70/21
[22.Rf1∓ -0.79/21]
22...h6-+ 23.Bh4
(Diagram)



e3 24.Qg6 Qd7 25.Rec1? -4.24/23
[25.h3 -2.58/19 was worth a try.]
25...Bxb3 26.axb3 and Bxe7! would now be decisive **26...Qxd4 27.Rc7 Rae8**
[27...Qxe5 28.Rxe7 Qxb2 29.Rd1=]
28.Be1 Qxe5 29.Rxa7 Qf5 30.Qxb6 -10.32/21
[⌓30.Qxf5 -4.01/23 Rxf5 31.Rcc7]
30...f3 (→ ...f2+)
[30...Bxb2? 31.Ra5 Qf6 32.Qxf6 Rxf6 *(32...Bxf6 33.Ra4∓; 32...exf6 33.Rc4∓)* 33.Rc2-+]
31.gxf3 Qxf3
[31...Bxb2? 32.Ra5 Qxf3 33.Qg6+ Bg7 34.Qg2∓]
32.Qe6+ Kh7 33.h3 Qf1+ 34.Kh2 Qe2+
[34...Bxb2 35.Rxe7+ Rxe7 36.Qxe7+ Rf7 37.Qe4+ Qf5 38.Qxf5+ Rxf5 39.Rc2=]
35.Kg3 Rf3+ 36.Kh4 Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/Black=0.15 (very precise) **36...Bf6+** -10.71/5
[And not 36...Bxb2 37.Rxe7+ Rxe7 38.Qxe7+ Bg7 39.Qe4+ Kh8 40.Rc8+ Rf8 41.Rxf8+ Bxf8 42.Bc3+ Bg7 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Qe4+ Kg8 45.Qe6+ Kh7 46.Qe4+ Kh8 47.Qa8+ Kh7 48.Qe4+=]
[⌓36...Qg2 -#5/16 37.Qe4+ Kh8 38.Qh7+ Kxh7 39.Bg3 Qxg3+ 40.Kh5 Qxh3#]
0-1

112 **B51**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
Global Chess League rapid (4.1) 24.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.c3N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+

Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Re1 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.Qd1 Be7 11.d3 0-0 White is slightly better. **12.Nd2** was the old line (12.Bxd6). war die alte Variante (12.Lxd6). **12...b5 13.Nf3 d5 14.e5 Nd7 15.d4 b4** 0.96/19

[15...c4!]

[15...c4= 0.29/21 remains equal.]

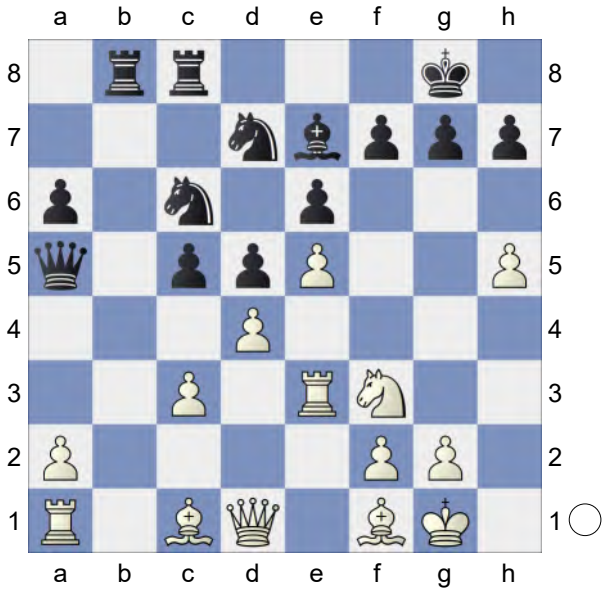
16.Re3 0.11/20

[16.cxb4 Nxb4 *(16...cxb4* 1.22/22 16...Nxb4 0.78 *17.Be3)* 17.dxc5 Hoping for a3. Bxc5 18.a3 Nc6 19.b4 Bb6 20.Bd3]

[16.cxb4± 0.96/19 Nxb4 17.Bf4]

16...bxc3 17.bxc3 Qa5 18.h4N Rfc8 19.h5 Rab8

[19...h6 20.Nh2]



20.h6 0.01/18 **g6= 21.Rd3 cxd4** 1.31/23

[21...c4 22.Re3 Rb5]

[21...c4= -0.01/22 22.Re3 Bf8]

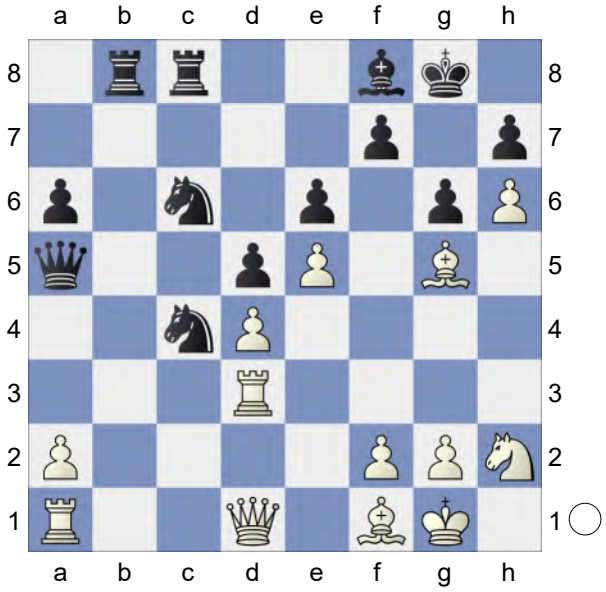
22.cxd4± This costs Black the game.

22...Nb6? 3.23/23

[22...Qd8 23.Rb3 Rxb3 ½-½ Karolyi,T-Parkkinen,J (2506) olm14 qual GP3 B1 corr 2000 24.Qxb3]

[22...Qd8± 1.17/23]

23.Bg5 Bf8 24.Nh2 Nc4



Threatens to win with ...Nb2. **25.Qg4 Rb2** 2.39/20

[⌓25...Nb2 1.88/21]

26.Qf4+- Rd2? 8.78/21

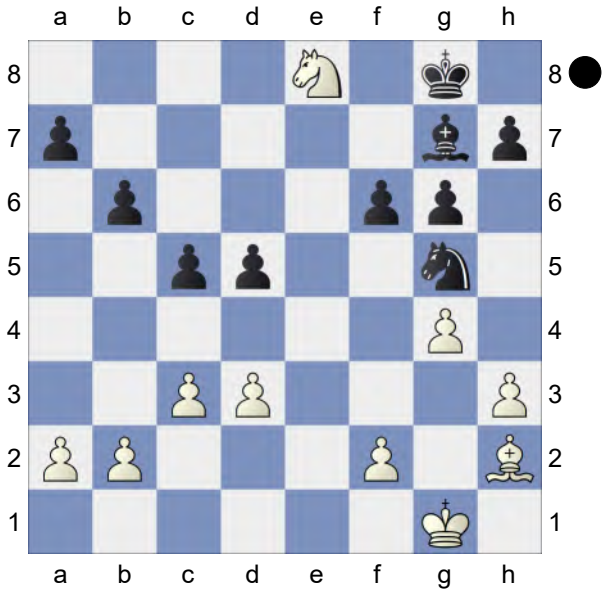
[26...f5 2.00/20 27.exf6 Nd8]

27.Rxd2 White is clearly winning. Predecessor: **27...Qxd2 28.Qxd2 Nxd2 29.Bxd2 Nxd4 30.Ng4 Ba3 31.Bxa6 Rc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.70 **32.Be3** An unexpected result.

½-½

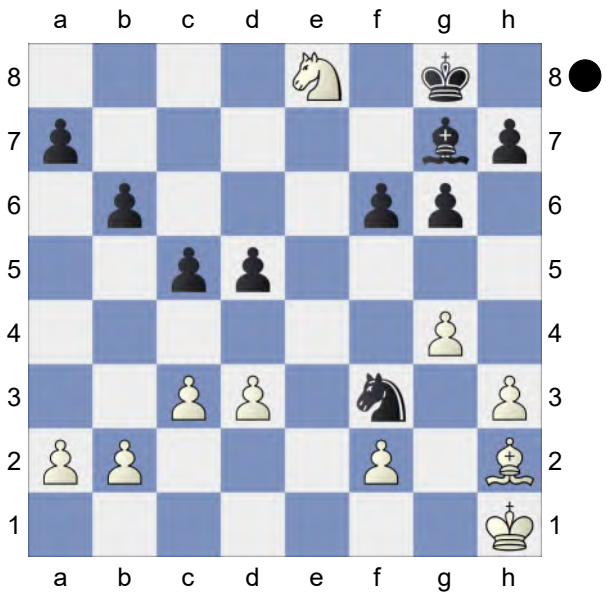
113 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2773**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**
Titled Tue 13th Jun Early blitz (9)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.d3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Ne6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Bh2 Nd4 14.Qd1 f6 1.12/21
[14...Ne6= 0.12/20]
15.exf6 exf6 16.Ne4 and c3! would now be decisive **16...b6 17.c3 Nf5** Inhibits Nd6. **18.g4** 0.31/23
[18.a4!± 1.23/22]
18...Nh6± 19.Qb3+ Qd5 20.Qxd5+ cxd5 21.Nd6 Rfd8 0.95/22
[21...f5± 0.34/23]
22.Re6 0.51/24 White is more active.
[22.Nb5± 0.95/22]
22...Nf7 23.Rae1? -1.40/29
[23.Kg2!± 0.59/23 keeps the upper hand.]
23...Ng5!∓ 24.Re8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Nxe8 Endgame



KBN-KBN **26...Nf3+!**
[Much worse is 26...Nxh3+?! 27.Kg2 Ng5 28.Bb8±]
27.Kh1

(Diagram)

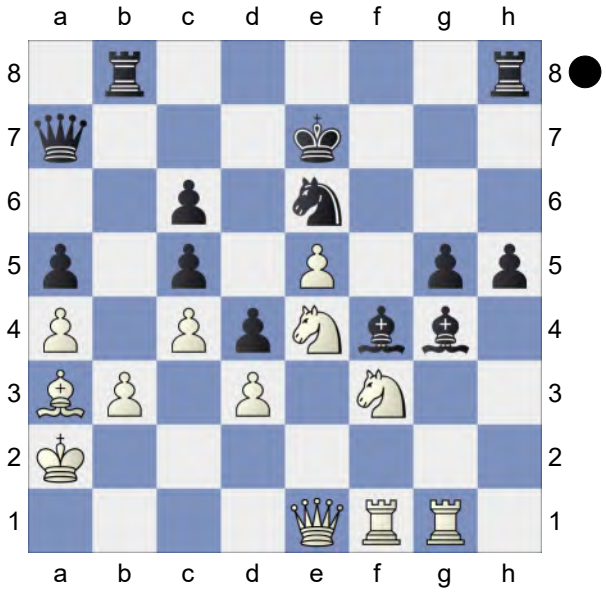


Ne1 -0.58/27
[27...d4!∓ -1.30/25 28.cxd4 Nxd4]
28.Bb8 -0.95/25
[28.d4∓ -0.58/27 might be stronger.]
28...a5 -0.01/29
[28...Nxd3∓ -0.95/25 29.Bxa7 Nxb2 *(29...Nxf2+ 30.Kg2∓)* 30.Bxb6 Na4]
29.Ba7= Nxd3
[29...Kf7!? 30.Nc7□ Nxd3∓]
30.Bxb6 a4
[30...Nxb2 31.Bxc5 f5 32.gxf5]
31.Nc7
[31.Kg2!?]
31...Nxf2+ 32.Kg2 Nd3 33.Nxd5 Kf7 34.b3 The position is equal. **34...a3 35.Ne3 f5** Discovered Attack **36.gxf5 Bxc3 37.fxg6+ Kxg6** ...Bb4 would now be deadly. **38.Nc2 Bb2 39.Kf3 Kf5 40.Ke3 Nb4 41.Nxb4 cxb4** KB-KB **42.Bc5 Bc3 43.Be7 Ke6 44.Bg5 Kd5 45.Kd3 Be5 46.Be7 Bc3 47.Bf8 Be1 48.Ke3 Bc3 49.Kd3 Be1 50.Ke3 Bc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise) **51.Kd3**
½-½

114 **B30**
□ **Pranav,V.** **2598**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

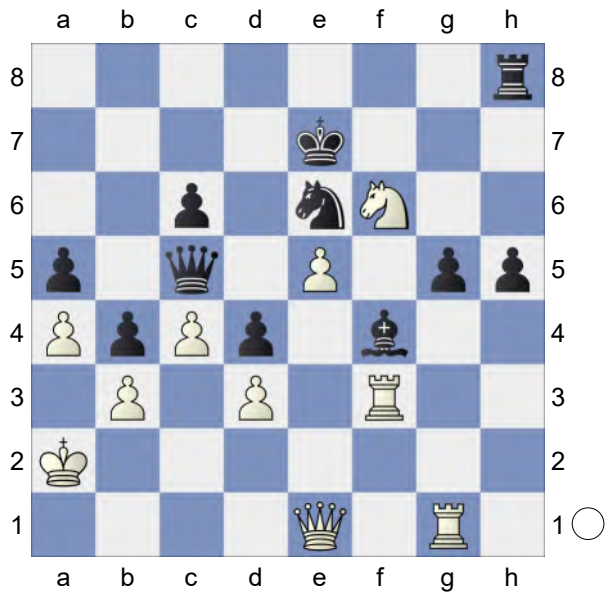
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4...bxc6 5.b3 Ne7 6.Bb2 Ng6 7.h4! h5 8.g3!? -0.02/22 Prevents e6-e5. An

interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[8.d3± 0.65/25]
8...f6 0.60/25
[8...e5= -0.02/22]
9.d3 -0.01/21
[9.e5!± 0.60/25]
9...e5= 10.Nbd2 -0.48/22
[10.Nc3= 0.06/23]
10...d5∓ 11.Nh2N
[Vorgänger: 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 -0.40/20 *(13.Nf1!= -0.02/22)* 13...a5 Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. 14.a4! 0-0 0.04/19 *(14...Qb6∓ -0.41/19)* 15.Rde1 -1.02/19 *(15.Nf1!= 0.04/19)* 15...Rb8 -0.61/19 *(15...Rf7∓ -1.02/19 16.Kc1 Nf8)* 16.Qf1 -1.19/22 *(16.Nf1∓ -0.61/19)* 16...Be6 -0.48/21 *(16...c4!∓ -1.19/22* Threatens to win with ... c4xb3. *17.dxc4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Bb4)* 17.Nh2 0-1 Saydaliev,S (2448)-Ynojosa Aponte,F (2387) Kazan BRICS Games Blitz 2024 (5)]
11...Be6 12.Qe2 Qd7 13.0-0-0 Bd6 14.Rde1 Kf7 15.Rhg1 Rae8 16.Qf1 Bh3 17.Qe2 Bc7 18.Kb1 Ba5 19.Rd1 Bc7 20.Qe3 Bb6 21.c4 -0.49/19
[21.Qf3= 0.00/22 was preferrable.]
21...d4∓ 22.Qe2 a5 23.a4 Bc7 24.Ka2 Nf8 25.f3 -0.88/20
[25.Bc1= -0.21/19 keeps the balance.]
25...g5∓ 26.hxg5 fxg5 27.f4 -1.23/18 **exf4**
[27...gxf4 28.gxf4 exf4 29.Rg5±]
28.gxf4 Bxf4 29.Nhf3 Bg4 -0.74/17
A strong pair of Bishops.
[Black should play 29...g4 -1.52/20 30.Qf2 Kg8 *(30...gxf3 31.Nxf3 Bg4 32.Ng5+ Kg8 33.Qxf4=)*]
30.Rdf1 -1.56/18
[⌓30.e5 -0.74/17]
30...Ke7 -0.63/22
[30...Kg7∓ -1.56/18 Hoping for ...Nf8-g6. 31.e5 Ng6]
31.e5∓ Ne6 32.Ne4 Rb8 0.06/18
[32...Be3∓ -0.74/18 33.Bc1 Bxg1 34.Rxg1 Rb8]
33.Ba3= Chess con chili. **33...Qa7**
34.Qe1 -1.31/19
[34.Qb2= 0.14/23 Bxf3 35.Rxf3]

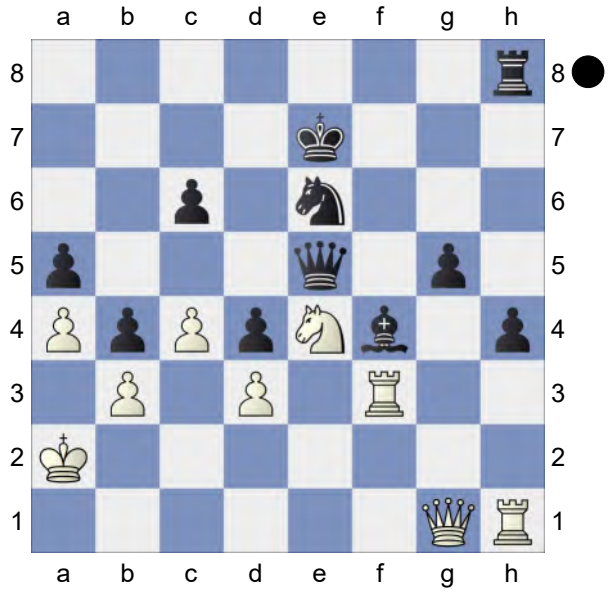


34...Rb4? 3.30/20 **35.Bxb4+- cxb4**
36.Nf6? 0.72/20
[36.Nfxg5+- 3.02/22 Bxg5 37.Nxg5 Nxg5 38.Qf2]
36...Bxf3± 37.Rxf3 Qc5? 3.73/26
[37...Kd8± 0.73/20 might work better.]

(Diagram)



38.Rh1? 0.00/24
[White must play 38.Rxf4!+- 3.73/26 gxf4 39.Qh4]
38...Qxe5= 39.Ne4 -1.42/18
[39.Nxh5? perishes. Qxe1 40.Rxe1 Rxh5-+]
[39.Qxe5= 0.00/24 was the only way to keep the balance. Bxe5 40.Nxh5]
39...h4∓ 40.Qg1



Qf5 Prevents Qg1-g4 **41.Nf2** Inhibits g5-g4. **41...Kd6** White is weak on the dark squares **42.Qg2 Kc7 43.Re1 Nc5** 0.00/23
[43...Rh7∓ -1.49/19 44.Rg1 Rg7]
44.Nh3!= Nh3xf4 is the strong threat.
44...Nxd3 45.Qc2 aiming for Nh3xf4.
45...Nxe1?? 5.91/20
[45...Rf8!= -0.02/19 46.Rxd3 *(46.Qxd3 Qxd3 47.Rxd3 Be3=)* 46...Be3 47.Qh2+ Kb7]
46.Qxf5+- Nxf3 47.Nxf4 gxf4 48.Qxf4+ Kb6 49.Qxf3= KQ-KR
49...h3 50.Qf6 Rh7 ...h3-h2 would now be deadly. **51.Qf5 Rh4 52.c5+** White mates. **52...Kb7 53.Qd7+ Kb8 54.Qd8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.56
1-0

115 **B31**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2742**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2739**
Global Chess League Final rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-

Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975) 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.h3 b6 10.d3 Ne6 11.Ne2 h6 White is slightly better.

12.Bd2 Qd5 13.a4 a5 14.Ra3 0-0 15.Qc1 Kh7 16.Be3 f5 0.78/24

[16...Ra7= 0.23/21]

17.h4 b5 1.22/22

[17...Qd8± 0.64/23]

18.c4± Qd7 19.Nf4 Nd4 3.73/22

[19...Nxf4 1.72/21 20.Bxf4 Ba6]

20.Bxd4+- cxd4 21.c5 1.46/21

[21.cxb5+- 3.39/23 and White stays clearly on top. cxb5 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Nxd4]

21...b4± 22.Ra1 Ba6 23.Qd1 1.39/21

[23.e6!+- 1.86/24 Qc7 24.g3]

23...e6 24.g3 1.10/23

[Better is 24.Kh2 1.51/21]

24...Rfe8 1.49/22

[⌓24...Rae8 1.10/23]

25.Kg2 Rad8 26.Rh1 Qf7 27.Qe2 Kg8 28.Nd2 Kh7 29.Rac1! Bf8 2.09/20

[29...h5± 1.06/23]

30.Rh3 Kg7? 2.98/22

[30...h5± 1.32/21 31.Nf3 Bh6]

31.Nb3 Qc7? 4.53/21

[31...h5 2.14/21 might work better. 32.Nxa5 Kh7]

32.g4+- Rd5 33.Nxd5 exd5 34.gxf5 Rxe5 35.Qg4 Rxf5 36.Nxd4

[36.Qxd4+ Kh7=]

36...Bc8 37.Nxf5+ Bxf5 38.Qg3 Bxh3+ 39.Kxh3 Endgame KQR-KQB

[39.Qxh3 h5 40.f4 Qe7± *(40...Qxf4 41.Rf1±)*]

39...Qf7 40.d4 Be7 41.Re1 h5 42.Kg2 Bf6 43.Qf4 Kh7 7.92/27

[⌓43...Bd8 5.17/28 44.Qg3 Bf6]

44.Re3 Qg7 45.Qd6 Bxh4 46.Qxc6 Qxd4 47.Qd7+ Kh6 48.c6 3.53/28

[⌓48.Qh3 8.00/22 b3 49.c6 *(49.Rxb3 Qxf2+ 50.Kh1 Bg5=)* 49...Bxf2 50.Re2 *(50.Kxf2 Qxb2+ 51.Re2 Qf6+ 52.Qf3 Qd6+-; 50.Rxb3 Qd1+-)*]

48...Qf4 49.Rf3 0.01/26

[49.Qxd5? Qxf2+ 50.Kh1 Qxe3-+]

[49.Qh3!+- 3.47/27]

49...Qg5+= 50.Kh2

[50.Kh3 Qg1 51.Qd6 Qh1+ *(51...Bxf2 52.Qf8+ Kh7 53.Rf7#)* 52.Qh2 Qxf3+]

50...Qe5+ 51.Kh3 Qe1 Double Attack

52.Kg2↑ Prevents Qh1+. White is more active. Dancing on a razor blade.

[52.Kxh4 g5+ 53.Kh3 Qh1+ 54.Kg3 Qg1+ 55.Kh3 g4+]

52...Bxf2! (→ ...Qg1+) **53.Rxf2**

[53.Rf7 seems wilder. Qg1+ 54.Kf3 Qg3+ 55.Ke2]

53...Qe4+ 54.Kh2

[54.Kf1!? Qb1+□ 55.Ke2 Qxb2+ 56.Kf3 Qf6+ 57.Kg2 Qg5+ 58.Kh1 Qh4+ 59.Kg1 Qg5+ 60.Kh2 Qe5+ 61.Kg2 Qe4+ 62.Rf3 Qe2+ 63.Rf2 Qe4+=]

54...Qh4+ 55.Kg1 Qg3+? 9.94/27

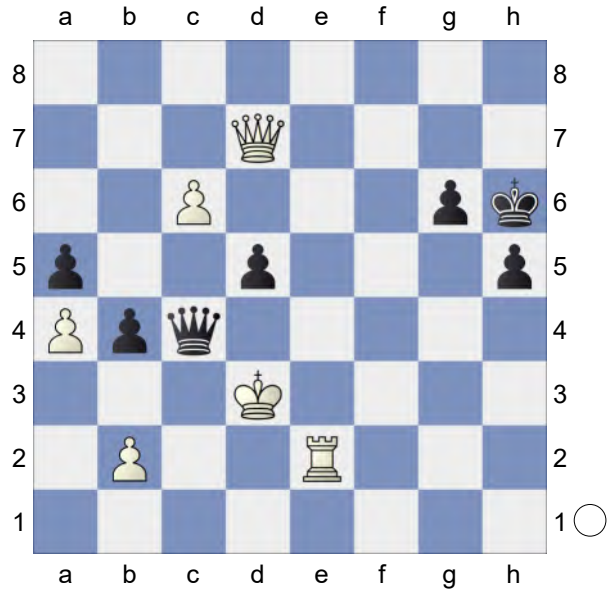
[55...Qg5+= 0.01/25 56.Kf1 Qc1+ 57.Kg2 Qg5+ 58.Kf3 Qf6+ 59.Ke3 Qe5+ 60.Kd3 Qe4+ 61.Kd2 Qd4+ 62.Ke1 Qe3+ 63.Re2 *(63.Kf1 Qc1+*

64.Ke2 Qxb2+ 65.Kf3 Qf6+ 66.Kg2 Qg5+ 67.Kf3 Qf6+ 68.Kg2 Qg5+ 69.Kf3 Qf6+=) 63...Qg1+ 64.Kd2 Qd4+ 65.Kc1 Qc4+ 66.Kd1 Qb3+ 67.Ke1 Qg3+ 68.Kd2 Qf4+ 69.Kd3 Qc4+ 70.Ke3 Qc1+ 71.Kf2 Qf4+ 72.Kg2 Qg5+ 73.Kh3 Qg1]

56.Kf1+- aiming for Qe7!. **56...Qd3+ 57.Re2!**

[57.Kg2 Qe4+ 58.Kf1 Qb1+ 59.Ke2 Qxb2+ 60.Kf3 Qf6+ 61.Ke2 Qb2+ 62.Kf3 Qf6+ 63.Kg2 Qg5+ 64.Kh1 Qh4+ 65.Kg2 Qg5+ 66.Kh1 Qh4+ 67.Kg2 Qe4+ 68.Kf1 Qh1+ 69.Ke2 Qe4+ 70.Kd2 b3=]

57...Qf3+ 58.Ke1 Qg3+ 59.Kd2 Qf4+ 60.Kd3 Qc4+



61.Ke3! Qe4+

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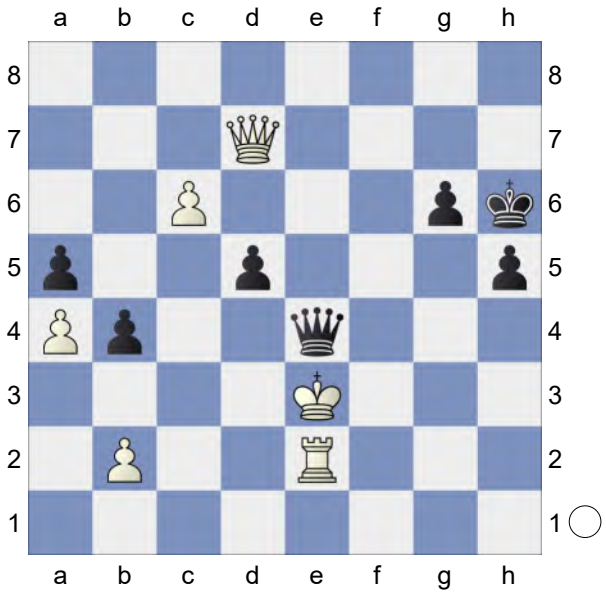


62.Kf2! Qf4+ 63.Kg2 Qg5+ 64.Kh3 White wants to mate with Re7. **64...Qf4 65.Qe6**

[Not 65.Qxd5 Qg4+ 66.Kh2 Qxe2+ 67.Kg1 Qe3+ *(67...Qxb2 68.Qc4=)* 68.Kf1 h4=]

65...d4 Dodges Qe3 **66.Qe5 Qg4+ 67.Kh2 Qh4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/Black=0.58 **68.Kg1 1-0**

116 **B30**
□ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2736**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2752**
Global Chess League rapid (9.2) 30.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.h4!** is recently more successful than 7. Ng5. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7. Sg5. **7...e5 8.h5 d6 9.Nh2** Repels Bg4. White is slightly better. **9...h6 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 g5 12.Bg3N**

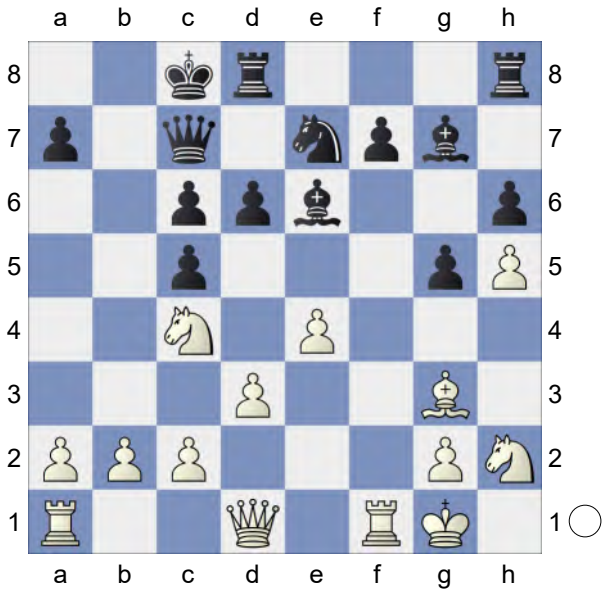
[Predecessor: 12.Bd2 and Qf3 should not be overlooked Bg7 13.Bc3 0-0

14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qe1 Be6 16.Qc3+ Kh7! 17.Nd2 f5 18.Rae1 ½-½ Aronian,L (2781)-Radjabov,T (2765) Airthings Masters KO rapid 2020 (3.12)]

12...Bg7 13.Nd2 Be6 0.79/23

[13...f5± 0.35/24]

14.Nc4± 0-0-0



15.Qe1 -0.31/21

[White should try 15.Ng4!± 0.91/20]

15...Rhe8!∓ 16.e5 -0.90/21

[16.Ne3!= -0.17/21]

16...dxe5∓

[16...Nf5 feels hotter. 17.Rxf5 Bxf5 18.Qf1 Be6]

17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Nxe5 Excellent horsemanship. **19...f5** Dodges Nhg4 **20.Rae1 Kc7! 21.Rf2 Nd5 22.g3** Dodges Nf4 **22...f4 23.Nf1 Bh3 24.c4**

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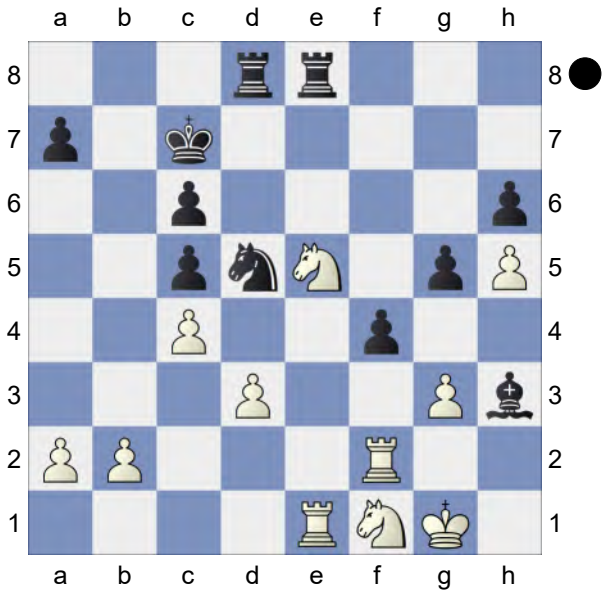

Ne3 -0.49/27 **25.Nxe3** -0.95/23

[25.gxf4∓ -0.49/27 should be considered. Ng4 *(25...Nxf1 26.fxg5 hxg5 27.Rf7+ Kb6 28.h6∓)* 26.Rf3 gxf4 27.Nxg4 Bxg4 28.Rxe8 Bxf3 29.Rxd8 Kxd8 30.Nd2 Bxh5 31.Nb3]

25...Rxe5 26.gxf4 gxf4 27.Rxf4 Rxd3 28.Kf2 Rd2+ -0.60/22

[28...Rxh5∓ -1.17/23 29.b3 Be6]

29.Re2∓ Rxe2+ -0.12/27

[29...Rd4∓ -0.77/25 30.Rxd4 cxd4 31.Nd5+ Kd6 *(31...cxd5? 32.Rxe5 dxc4 33.Rc5+ Kd6 34.Rxc4+-)* 32.Rxe5 Kxe5]

30.Kxe2= Rxh5∓ Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **31.Rf7+ Kb6 32.Rf6 Bd7 33.Nd5+! Ka5 34.Nc3** -0.95/22

[34.Ne3= -0.03/22 remains equal.]

34...Re5+ -0.01/22

[34...Kb4∓ -0.95/22 Threatens to win with ...Rh2+. 35.Ke3 Rh3+ *(35...Kxc4 36.Rf4#)* 36.Kf4 Kxc4]

35.Kd2= The position is equal. **35...Re6 36.Rf7 Rd6+ 37.Ke3 Rd4 38.b3 Kb4 39.Ne4 h5**

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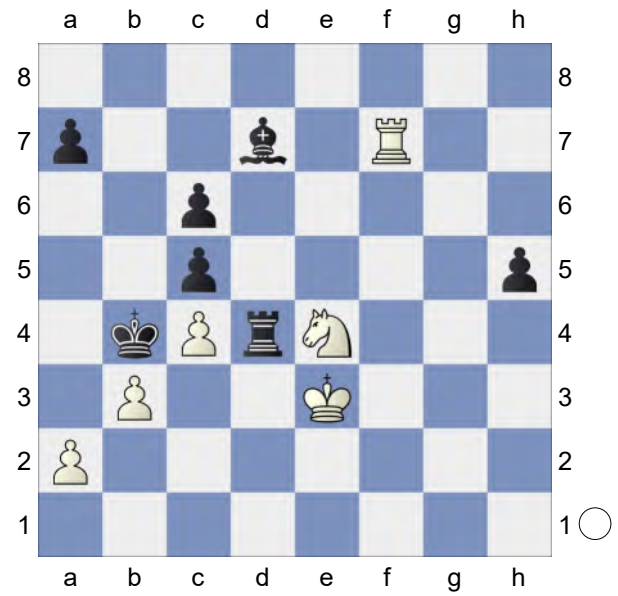

40.a3+! Kxb3
[Much worse is 40...Kxa3 41.Nxc5 Rd1 42.Nxd7± *(42.Rxd7 Rxd7 43.Nxd7 Kxb3=)*]
41.Nxc5+ Kxc4 42.Nxd7 KRN-KR
[42.Rxd7 Rxd7 43.Nxd7 c5]
42...Rd3+ 43.Ke4 Rxa3 44.Ne5+ Kc5 45.Rf6 Ra4+ 46.Ke3 Ra3+ 47.Ke4 Ra4+ 48.Ke3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise) **48...Ra3+**
½-½

117 **B31**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**
Norway Chess 11th (6) 05.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...g6N
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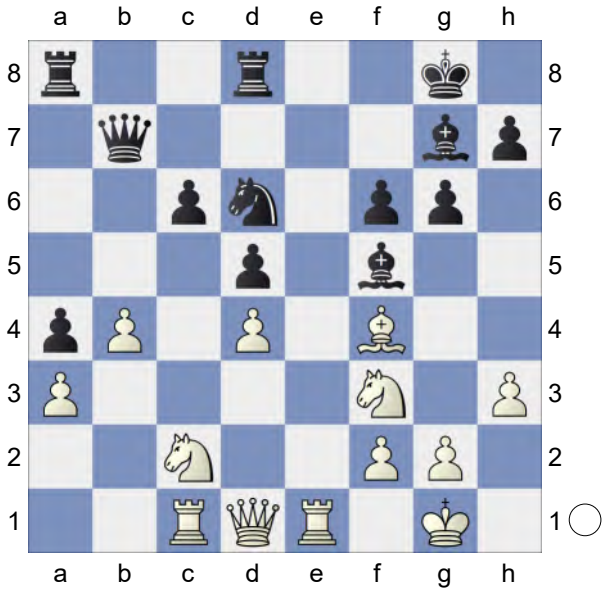
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Qc7! is recently more successful than 6...Nh6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...Sh6.
7.Na3 Nh6N
[Predecessor: 7...d6 8.Nc4 -0.22/19 *(8.h3± 0.34/22)* 8...e5 0.45/21 *(8...d5!= -0.22/19 9.Na3 Nf6)* 9.c3± Be6 10.Qa4 Ne7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 exd4 13.Bf4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 0-1 Naiditsch,A (2664)-Abdusattorov, N (2688) Biel 55th 2022 (5)]
8.c3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.h3 f6 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.Bd2** 0.09/20
[12.exd5± 0.55/21 cxd5 13.h4]
12...Qb7 0.47/20
[12...Be6= 0.09/20 might be

stronger.]
13.e5 -0.01/21
[13.exd5± 0.47/20 cxd5 14.Qb3]
13...Nf7 14.Nc2 Bf5 15.exf6 exf6 16.Rc1 a5 17.b4 a4 18.Bf4 Prevents Nd6. **18...Rfd8** 0.41/21
[18...g5= 0.01/20 19.Bh2 Be4]
19.a3± Nd6 1.10/21
[19...g5= 0.24/21 20.Bg3 Bg6]



20.Ne3!± Be6 21.Bxd6 Rxd6 22.Re2 Qb6 23.Qc2 Bd7 24.Rce1 Re6 25.Nd1 Rxe2 26.Qxe2 Bf8 27.Nb2 Qb5 1.13/23
[⌓27...Bf5 0.71/21]

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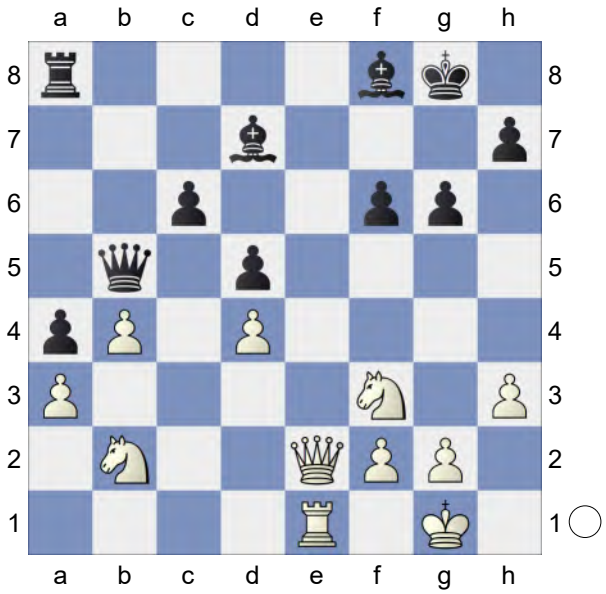

28.Qd2! Bd6 1.57/22 Prevents Qf4
[⌓28...Re8 1.02/23]
29.Nh2 0.67/23
[29.Nd3± 1.57/22]
29...Qb8 1.11/23
[29...Re8± 0.67/23]
30.Nf1 0.59/22
[Better is 30.Ng4± 1.11/23 Kf7 31.Nd3]
30...Kg7 0.98/22
[30...Qa7!± 0.59/22]
31.Ne3 h5 32.Nd3 Qc8 33.h4 Be6 34.Nc5 And now Nxe6+ would win.
34...Bf7 35.Qc2 Ra7 36.Rc1 White is more active.
[36.Nxa4?! Qa8 *(36...Qa6 37.Nc5=)* 37.Nc3 *(37.Nb6 Qb7=)* 37...Rxa3=]
36...Bf4 37.Nd3 Discovered Attack. Excellent horsemanship.
[37.Nxa4?! Qa8 *(37...Qa6 38.Nc5=)* 38.Nc5 *(38.Nb6? Qb8-+)* 38...Rxa3=]
37...Bd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise) **38.Nc5** -0.01/39
[Much weaker is 38.Qxc6?! Rc7 39.Qxd6 Rxc1+ 40.Nxc1 Qxc1+

41.Kh2 Qxa3=]
[38.Qc3± 0.86/24]
½-½

118 **B30**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2768**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2853**
Warsaw blitz 06.2023
[Daniel Fernandez,TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bd6 5.d3 Without further ado White heads into a Spanish structure.
[Another instructive game from around 6 months ago. 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 Nge7 8.a4 *(8.Re1 0-0 9.a4 Rb8=* &-& Firouzja,A-Carlsen,M Miami 2022*)* 8...b4 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Nd2 *(12.Qxd4 Qc7!⇄)* 12...Bb7 13.Nf3 Qc7 14.Re1 The first move out of preparation. Now obviously this game was blitz, but even so, top players often remember their files so well that the time control almost doesn't matter in the opening. *(14.e5!? Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Re1 Qf6 17.Qe2* gives White interesting compensation and could arguably be the best chance for an advantage.*)* 14...0-0?? and here in Carlsen,M-Gukesh,D INT 2022 there was a golden opportunity for a Greek Gift sacrifice. *(14...Rc8! 15.e5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxc2 17.Qxd4 0-0 18.Qxb4 f6)* 15.e5! Bxf3 *(15...Bc5 16.Bxh7+)* 16.Qd3! Ng6 17.exd6+-]
[5.d4 is perhaps the sharpest attempt, but through the games of Daniel Dardha we get a reasonable idea of how Black should be neutralising it. Nxd4 6.Bc4
A) 6...b5 7.Bd5 Rb8 8.Ng5 Nh6 9.c3! *(9.a4* Moussard,J-Dardha,D Barcelona 2021 *b4! 10.c3 Ne6* is not so bad for Black*)* 9...Ne6 10.Nxe6 fxe6 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Bb7! White had achieved an enviable outcome from his preparation in Warmerdam, M-Dardha,D Villorba 2021.;

B) 6...h6 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.c3 Bc5 9.Qb3 Qf6 10.cxd4 Bxd4 11.Nc3 *(11.Be3! Ne7 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.e5 Qf4∞)* 11...Ne7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Bxd4 exd4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 d6= Demchenko,A-Maghsoodloo,P Almaty 2022]

5...Nf6 6.a4 0-0 7.Nc3 h6

[It is possible to try and save on this move, e. g. 7...a6 8.Bc4 Be7 9.Nd5 d6 10.c3 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Be6 Pasztor,B-Reviczki, R Budapest 2023]

8.h3 White is slightly better. **8...Re8** 0.75/20

[8...Bc7= 0.19/19]

9.Bc4 Bf8 0.79/21

[9...Be7± 0.40/19]

10.Nd5 0.20/24

[10.g4!± 0.79/21]

10...d6= 11.c3 Be6 12.Re1 a6 Both sides have largely completed development, but there are still a couple of opening points to make. **13.Bd2** -0.01/21

[One important difference to the 7...a6 note is that with the h2-square available, White can try 13.Nh2! and the g4-square becomes rather useful in some lines. Rb8 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Ng4! Qd8 16.Ne3 b5 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qg4±]

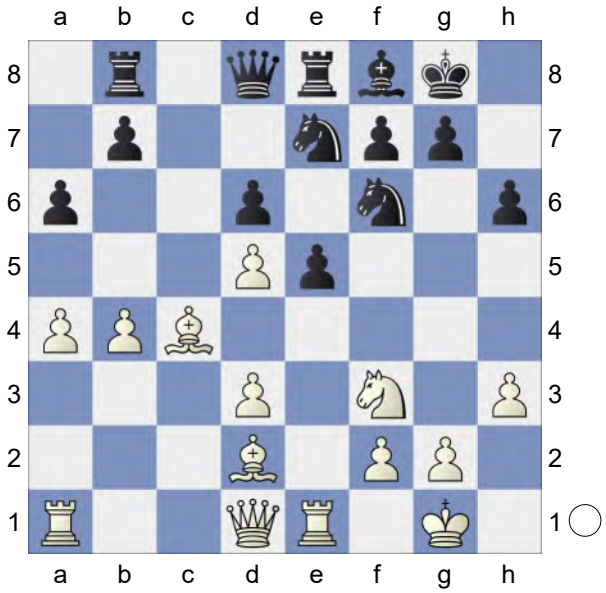
[13.Nh2± 0.35/21 is more appropriate.]

13...Rb8 14.b4 cxb4 15.cxb4 Bxd5?! 0.73/24 An ambitious move, but it isn't Black's time to shine yet.

[Both sides would be well aware that the thematic 15...b5! equalises both in practice and theory, e.g. 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6=]

[15...b5!= 0.01/22 16.Bb3 Bxd5 17.exd5 Ne7]

16.exd5± Ne7



17.a5! Making sure that Qb3 will be playable next. For now the d5-pawn is tactically protected anyway. **17...Qd7** Against b5

[17...Nfxd5? 18.Qb3+-]

18.Qb3 Rec8 19.b5 axb5 20.Bxb5 Qd8 21.Rab1

[The last few moves haven't quite gone Black's way, and the most pointed way of exploiting it was with 21.Be3 hinting at Bb6 and asking Black to enter the forcing territory of capturing on d5.]

21...Nf5 22.g4 Ne7 23.Bc4 0.12/20

[23.d4± 0.70/22]

23...Ng6= King safety is paramount in blitz, and from this moment Black's superiority in that domain starts to count for about one point on the engine...

24.Qb6 Rc7 25.a6 Nd7 26.Qe3 bxa6 27.Ba5! Nc5 1.57/23 **28.d4↑** White is on the roll. **28...exd4 29.Nxd4 Rxb1** 2.01/20

[⌓29...Re7 1.64/23 30.Bxd8 Rxe3 31.fxe3 *(31.Rxb8 Rxe1+ 32.Bf1*

Nf4∓) 31...Rxd8]

30.Rxb1+- Qe7 3.37/24

[⌓30...Ne5 1.91/25]

31.Bxc7 Qxc7 Black is weak on the light squares **32.Bf1 a5 33.Qe8 a4?** 3.67/22

[33...Nd7 1.69/23 34.Ne6 Qc2]

34.Rb8 Nc6 is the strong threat.

34...Nd7 35.Rc8 Qb6 8.53/28

[35...Qb7 2.35/26 36.Rd8 Nde5]

36.Nf5? 0.96/23

[36.Ne6+- 8.53/28 Nf6 37.Qxf8+ *(37.Qxa4 fxe6 38.dxe6 Qb7=; 37.Qd8 Qxd8 38.Nxd8 Nxd5±)* 37...Nxf8 38.Rxf8+ Kh7 39.Bd3+ *(39.Rxf7 Qb1=)* 39...g6 40.Rxf7+ Kh8 41.Rxf6]

36...Nf6 #16/31

[36...Nge5± 0.96/23]

37.Qxa4 4.13/24

[In his hurry to eliminate the dangerous pawn, White missed the direct win with 37.Ne7+ Kh7 38.Qxf7 Bxe7 39.Bd3+-]

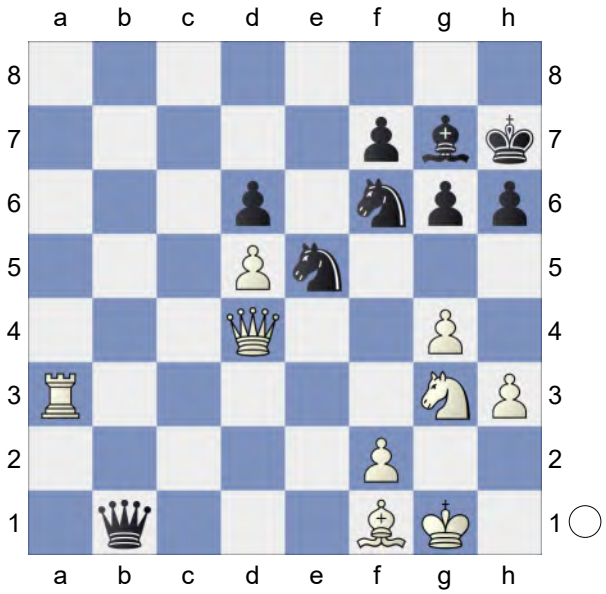
[⌓37.Ne7+ #16/31 Kh7 38.Qxf7 *(38.Qxa4 Qb7=; 38.Qc6 Qxc6 39.dxc6 Bxe7+-)* 38...Qb1 39.Nxg6 *(39.Rxf8 Ne5=; 39.Qxg6+ Qxg6 40.Nxg6 Kxg6+-)* 39...Qxg6 40.Qxf8 *(40.Rxf8 Qxf7 41.Rxf7 h5+-; 40.Qxg6+ Kxg6 41.Rxf8 Kg5+-)* 40...Qe4 41.Rc7 *(41.Qxd6 h5+-; 41.Qh8+ Kg6+-)* 41...Ne8 42.Re7 Deflection Qxe7 43.Bd3+ *(43.Qxe7 Nf6 44.Bd3+ Kh8 45.Qf8+ Ng8 46.Bg6 h5 47.g5 h4 48.Bf7 Kh7 49.Qxg8#)* 43...Qe4 44.Bxe4+ g6 45.Qf7+ Deflection *(45.Qxe8 Kg7 46.Bxg6 Kf6 47.Qe6+ Kg7 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.Qh7#)* 45...Kh8 46.Bxg6 *(46.Qxe8+ Kg7 47.Bxg6 Kf6 48.Qe6+ Kg7 49.Qf7+ Kh8 50.Qh7#)* 46...Nf6 47.Qxf6+ Kg8 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.Qh7#]

37...Qb1 With no pawns for the exchange, Black is of course objectively lost, and in classical the likes of Giri would easily put him away, but blitz is a different story. **38.Qd4 Kh7 39.Ra8 Ne5 40.Ra3** 1.42/24 Prevents Nf3+

[40.Rxf8 Nf3+ 41.Kg2 Nxd4 42.Nxd4 Qe4+ *(42...Nxd5? 43.Rxf7 h5 44.gxh5-+)* 43.Nf3 Nxg4-+ *(43...Nxd5? 44.Rxf7 Kg8 45.Ra7-+; 43...Qxd5? 44.Rb8-+)*]

[40.Kg2+- 3.53/25 g6 41.Ne3]

40...g6± 41.Ng3 Bg7



42.Qa1 1.13/25

[42.Kg2!+- 1.70/24]

42...Qb7 1.83/22

[42...Qc2± 1.13/25]

43.Qa2 1.46/22

[43.Qd1+- 1.83/22]

43...Qb6 44.Re3 1.33/22

[Better is 44.Be2+- 1.71/23]

44...Qd4 Inhibits Qd2. **45.Qe2?** 0.36/23

[45.Ne2± keeps some advantage in spite of the slightly passive pieces.]

[45.Ne2± 1.50/23 Qc5 46.Bg2]

45...Nxd5± 46.Re4 Qc5 47.Bg2 Nc3 Black has compensation. A dynamic duo

of knights. **48.Qa2** -15.31/23 I still find it difficult to believe that this happened at any time control, but that's what the game file says! Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.52 **48...Nxa2**
0-1

119 **B31**
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[17.Bf4± 0.35/23]
17...fxe5 0.34/25
[17...c5= -0.07/23 deserves consideration. 18.exf6 Nxf6]
18.Bxe5± d5 19.Bxg7 Nxg7 20.Ne5 Repels Bg4 **20...Bb7** The position is equal. **21.a4N**
[Predecessor: 21.a3 Nf5 22.h3 d4 23.Ne4 Threatens to win with g4. c5 24.Ng5 Bc8 Inhibits Nd7. 25.Rc1 Ra7 *(25...Nh4!?)* 26.b4! Rxa3 27.bxc5 1-0 Firouzja,A (2778)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2661) Miami FTX Crypto Cup rapid 2022 (1.2)]
21...Nf5 22.Nf3 c5 23.Nxd5 b3 poses a challenge **23...Rxa4**
[23...Bxd5 24.Rxd5 Rxa4 25.h3]
24.Nxb6 Excellent horsemanship. **24...Rb4 25.Nd7 Bxf3! 26.gxf3 Nh4 27.Nxf8 Nxf3+ 28.Kg2 Nxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Kxf8=** Endgame KR-KR **30.Re5 Rxb2 31.Rxc5 Rb4 32.Rc7 Kg8 33.Kg3 g5 34.Rc5 h6 35.Rc7 Rf4 36.f3 Rb4 37.Re7 Ra4 38.Rd7 Rb4 39.Re7 Ra4 40.Rd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) / Black=0.02 (flawless) **40...Rb4**
½-½

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□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2764**
ChessKid Cup Div 1 L rapid (2.2) 24.5.23
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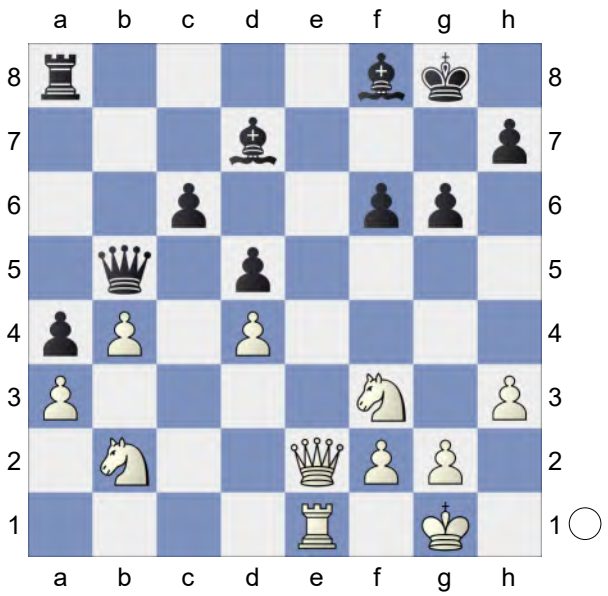
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Qc7 7.Na3 Nh6!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
[7...d6 0.50/23 7...d5 0.11 8.Nc4 -0.23/23 *(8.e5± 0.50/23)* 8...e5 0.46/24 *(8...d5= -0.23/23 9.Na3 dxe4 10.Rxe4 Nf6)* 9.c3± Be6 10.Qa4 Ne7 11.d4 cxd4 12.cxd4 ½-½ Kovalsky,S (2183)-Lukyanenko,V (2272) UKR-chT20 email 2018 [3] exd4 13.Bf4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4]
8.c3 0-0 White has an edge. **9.h3 f6N 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.Bd2 Qb7**
[12...Be6!?]
13.e5 -0.01/24
[13.exd5± 0.44/22 deserves consideration. cxd5 14.Rc1]
13...Nf7= 14.Nc2 Bf5 15.exf6 exf6 16.Rc1 a5 17.b4 a4 18.Bf4 Rfd8 0.53/21
[18...g5= 0.08/21 19.Bg3 Bg6]
19.a3± Nd6 1.09/24
[19...Be4± 0.43/20]
20.Ne3!± Be6 21.Bxd6 Rxd6 22.Re2 Qb6 23.Qc2 0.57/20
[23.Qe1± 1.16/21]
23...Bd7± 24.Rce1 Re6 25.Nd1
[25.Ng4 seems wilder. Rxe2 26.Rxe2 Kf7 27.Qc1]
25...Rxe2 26.Qxe2 Bf8 27.Nb2 Qb5 1.15/23
[27...Bf5± 0.64/22]

(Diagram)



28.Qd2!± Bd6 1.26/22
[Black should try 28...Re8!± 0.55/22]
29.Nh2 0.72/24
[29.Nd3 1.26/22]
29...Qb8 30.Nf1 0.67/22
[30.Ng4± 1.04/23 Kf7 31.Ne3]
30...Kg7 31.Ne3 h5 32.Nd3 Qc8 33.h4 Be6 34.Nc5 aiming for Nxe6+.
34...Bf7 35.Qc2 Ra7 36.Rc1 0.80/22
[36.Nxa4?! Qa8 *(36...Qa6 37.Nc5=)* 37.Nc5 *(37.Nb6 Qb8=)* 37...Rxa3=]
[White should try 36.Qc3 1.16/23]
36...Bf4 Vorgänger: **37.Nd3** Discovered Attack. A dynamic duo of knights.
[37.Nxa4?! Qa8 *(37...Qa6 38.Nc5=)* 38.Nc5 *(38.Nb6? Qb8-+)* 38...Rxa3=]
37...Bd6

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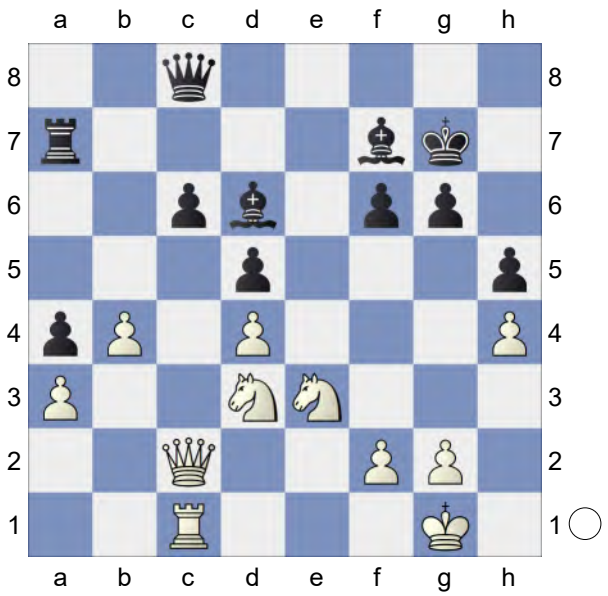


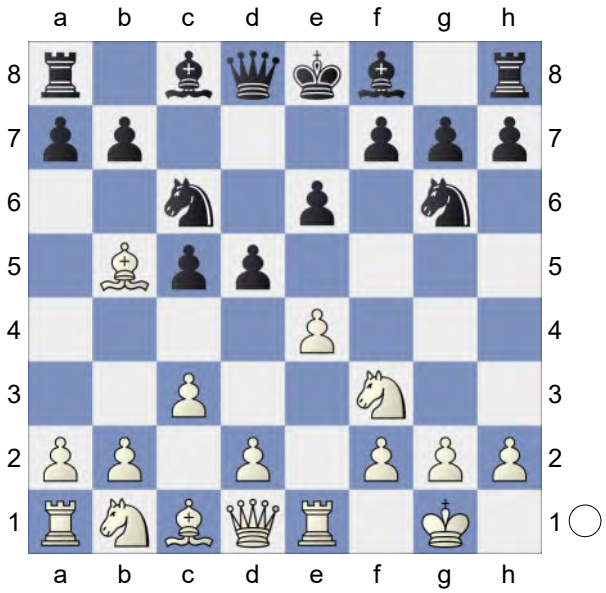
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
38.Nc5 0.01/39 Loss on time!?
[Of course not 38.Qxc6?! Rc7 39.Qxd6 Rxc1+ 40.Nxc1 Qxc1+ 41.Kh2 Qxa3=]
[38.Qc3!± 0.92/24]
0-1

121 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2732**
Norway Chess 11th (1) 30.05.2023
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...Ng6 6.c3 d5



7.h4! a6

[7...dxe4 8.Rxe4]

8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.h5 White is slightly better. **9...Nf4 10.d4 Nxh5 11.Ne5 Nf6 12.Qa4** -0.22/22

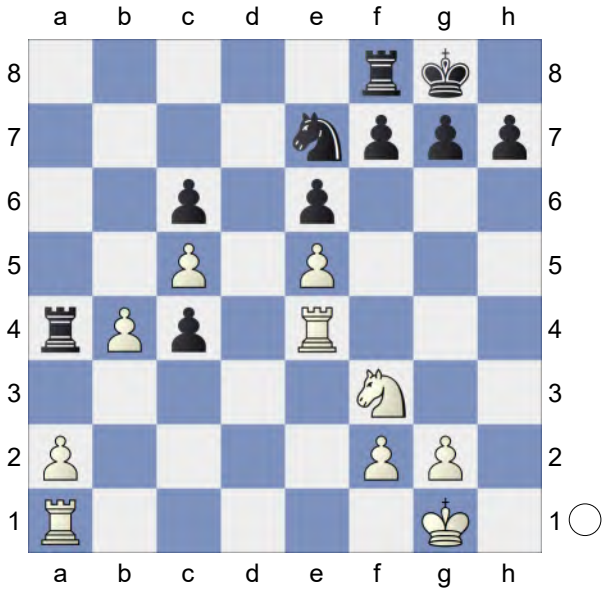
[Better is 12.Nxc6± 0.34/20 Qd6 13.Ne5 *(13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ne5 Bd6=)*]

12...Bd7= 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.e5 Ng8 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.dxc5 Qb7 18.b4 a5 19.Qb3 0-0 20.Nd2 Qa6 21.Nf3 Qc4 The position is equal. **22.Qxc4 dxc4 23.Re4 axb4 24.cxb4**

[24.Rxc4 bxc3 25.a3 Nd5∓]

24...Ra4

[Don't play 24...c3?! 25.a4±]



and ...c3 should not be overlooked **25.Rxc4 Rfa8 26.Nd4 Rxa2 27.Rxa2 Rxa2** Endgame KRN-KRN **28.b5! cxb5 29.Nxb5** Threatens to win with c6. **29...Nc6 30.Nd4 Nxd4 31.Rxd4** KR-KR **31...Kf8 32.c6 Rc2 33.Rd8+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ Ke8 35.Rc7 g5 36.Rc8+ Ke7 37.Rc7+ Ke8 38.Rc8+ Ke7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **39.Rc7+** Loss on time!?

0-1

122 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2835**
■ **Abasov,Nijat Azad** **2632**
FIDE World Cup (7.1) 19.08.2023
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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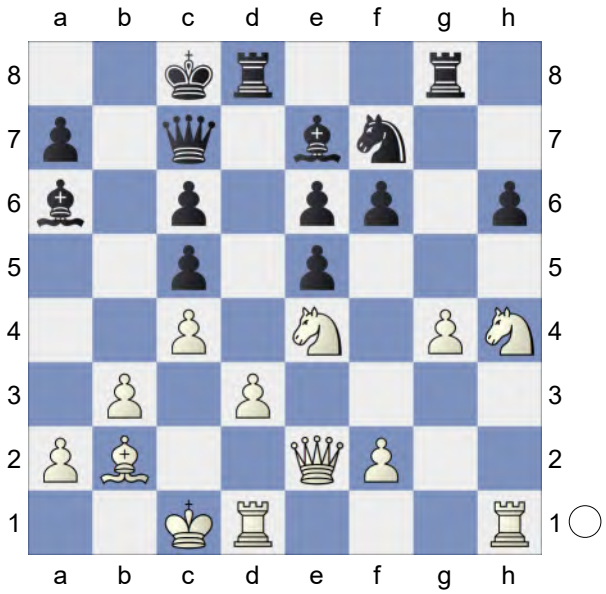
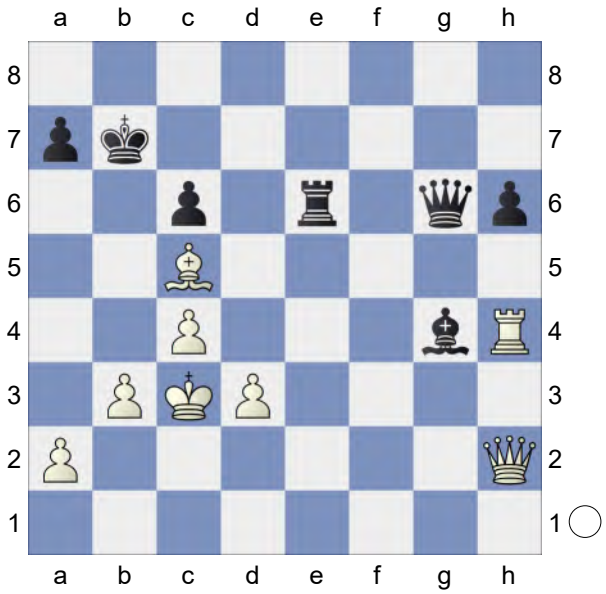
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 d6 6.e5 dxe5 7.d3 f6 8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...Nh6 9.Rg1 Ba6** 0.71/22
[9...Qa5= -0.16/19]
10.g4!± White has strong compensation. **10...Nf7 11.Qe2 Be7 12.Bb2 Qa5 13.c4** 0.48/20
[13.g5± 1.12/21]
13...g5 14.h4 h6 15.Rh1 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 Qc7 17.Ne4 gxh4 18.Nxh4 Excellent horsemanship.
[18.Rxh4 f5 19.Ned2 *(19.gxf5 exf5 20.Ned2 Bxh4∓)* 19...Bxh4 20.Nxh4 Qd7=]
18...Rhg8



Dodges Ng6 **19.f4! exf4 20.Nxf6 Bxf6 21.Qxe6+ Kb8! 22.Qxf6**
[22.Bxf6?! Rde8 23.Qf5 Bc8 24.Qxc5 Bxg4=]
22...Bc8 23.Rde1 White is more active. **23...Rd6 24.Qxf4 Rxg4 25.Qe3 Re6 26.Qd2** 0.23/22
[26.Qxc5? Rxh4 *(26...Rxe1+? 27.Rxe1 Rxh4 28.Bc3-+)* 27.Qb4+ Qb6-+]
[26.Qf2± 0.68/24]
26...Ne5 1.00/21
[26...Rxe1+= 0.23/22 27.Qxe1 Qf4+ 28.Kc2 a6]

27.Kc2 0.02/24
[27.Re3!± 1.00/21 Hoping for Qe2. Nf7 28.Rxe6 Bxe6 29.Qe2]
27...Kb7
[27...Rg3 28.Qxh6 Rxh6 29.Bxe5 Qxe5 30.Rxe5 Rg4]
28.Re3 Dodges Rg3 **28...Qe7 29.Nf5 Qg5 30.Bxe5 Rg2** Pin **31.Re2 Rxe2 32.Qxe2 Qxf5 33.Rh5 Qf7 34.Qh2?** -4.44/26
[34.Kc3= -0.01/24]
34...Rg6? 0.20/27
[34...Qf1!-+ -4.44/26 35.Qd2 *(35.Rxh6? Rxh6 36.Qxh6 Qe2+* Skewer, Double Attack *37.Qd2 Qxe5-+)* 35...Rg6]
35.Bf4 Discovered Attack **35...Rf6** 0.46/26
[35...Qg7= 0.08/24 36.Bd2 *(36.Rxc5? Rg2+-+)* 36...Qa1]
36.Be3±
[36.Bxh6? Rf2+ 37.Bd2 Rxh2-+]
36...Bf5 37.Bxc5
[37.Bxh6? Bg4 38.Qe5 Bxh5-+ *(38...Qxh5 39.Qxf6 Qh2+ 40.Bd2±)*]
[37.Rxh6 simplifies Rxh6 38.Qxh6 Qe7 39.Qf4]
37...Qg6 1.64/22 Black is weak on the dark squares
[37...Re6± 0.38/24]
38.Kc3 0.74/23
[38.Kb2!+- 1.64/22 has better winning chances.]
38...Re6? 4.06/23
[38...Qe8± 0.74/23]
39.Rh4? 1.36/23
[39.Bxa7+- 4.06/23 Qb8+ would kill now. Re8 *(39...Kxa7? 40.Qf2+ Ka6 41.Rxf5+-)* 40.Bc5 *(40.Rxh6 Qg5±)*]
39...Bg4±
[39...Bxd3 40.Rd4 Qf6 41.Kb4 *(41.Kxd3 Qf5+ 42.Kc3 Qxc5±)* 41...a5+ 42.Kxa5+-]



40.Bxa7→ 0.01/20 White attacks.
40...Qf6+? 5.54/26
[40...Qg7+= 0.01/20 and Black is okay. 41.Bd4 Qg5]
41.Kb4+- White is clearly winning.
41...Re5 8.39/25
[⌓41...Qf8+ 4.86/24 42.Bc5 Qf5]
42.d4 Qe7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.79 **43.c5**
1-0

123 **B30**
□ **ProteusSFX-AI** **3143**
■ **Pseudo-0** **2430**
Rapid 06.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-

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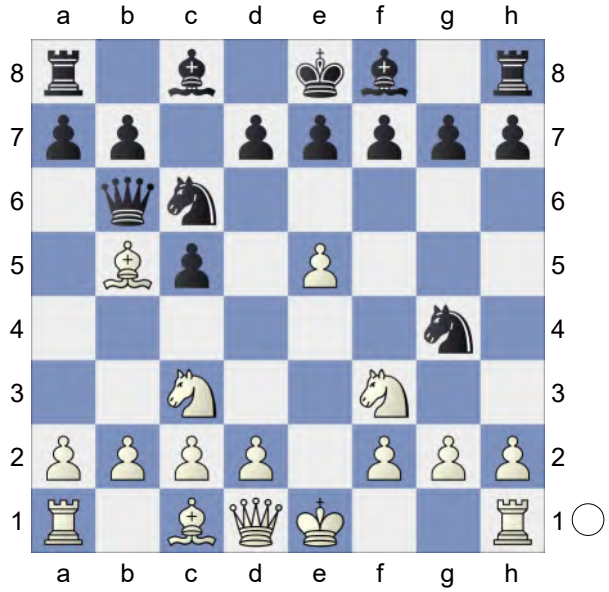
3...Qb6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5 Ng4



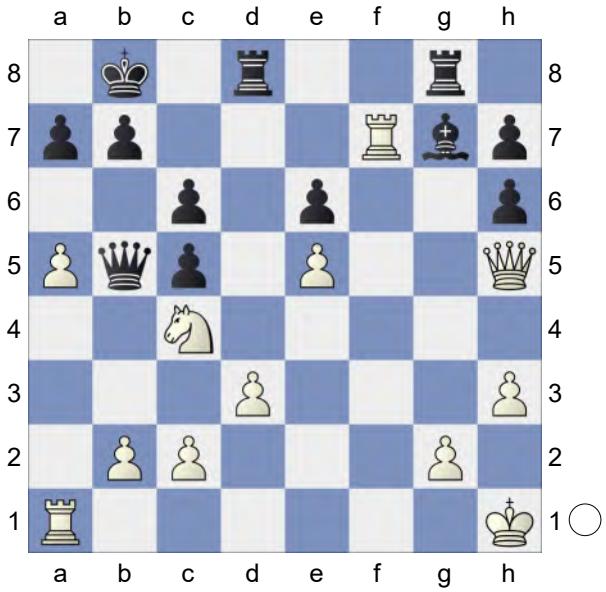
6.Bxc6! dxc6 7.0-0 Bf5 1.73/19

[7...Nh6± 1.19/19]

8.h3+- White is clearly better. **8...Nh6 9.d3 0-0-0 10.a4 Qa6** 2.76/21

[10...Qa5 1.95/19 was worth a try. 11.g4 Be6]

11.Qe2 e6 Black is weak on the dark squares **12.Bg5 Rd7 13.Nd2 Bg6 14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.a5 Rg8 16.Nc4 Kb8 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Rg6 19.f4 Rd4 20.Qf3 Rd7 21.f5 Rg8 22.Kh1 Bg7 23.Qh5 Qb5 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Rf7 Rdd8**



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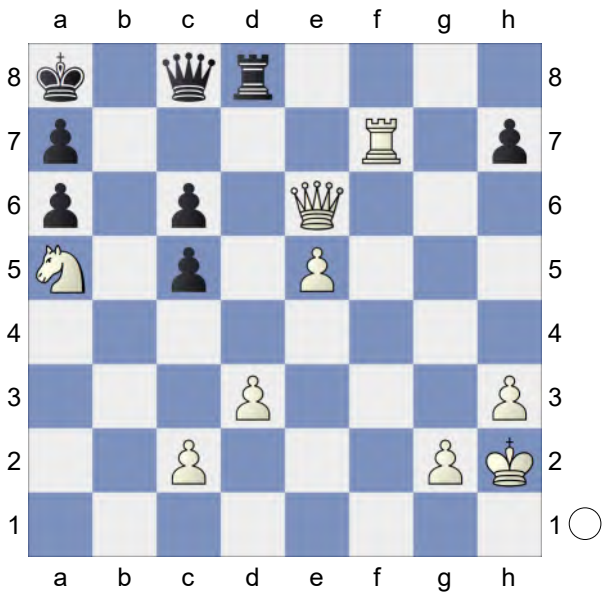

40.Nxc6! 35.56/5 **Qb7**
[40...Qb8 41.Nxd8]
41.Nxd8 White mates. **41...Qb6 42.Qc8+ Qb8 43.Qc6+ Qb7**
Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=1.30 **44.Qxb7#** Normal
1-0

124 **B30**
□ **Gukesh,D.** **2776**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2478**
FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 (8.57) 12.09.25
[Kitty Kat]

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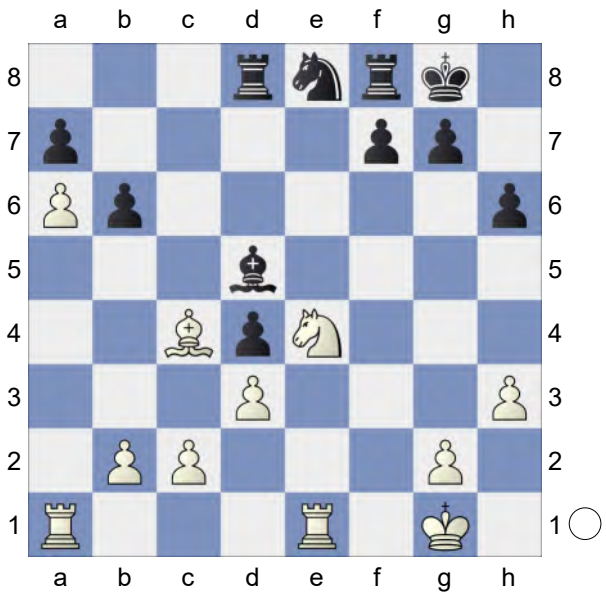
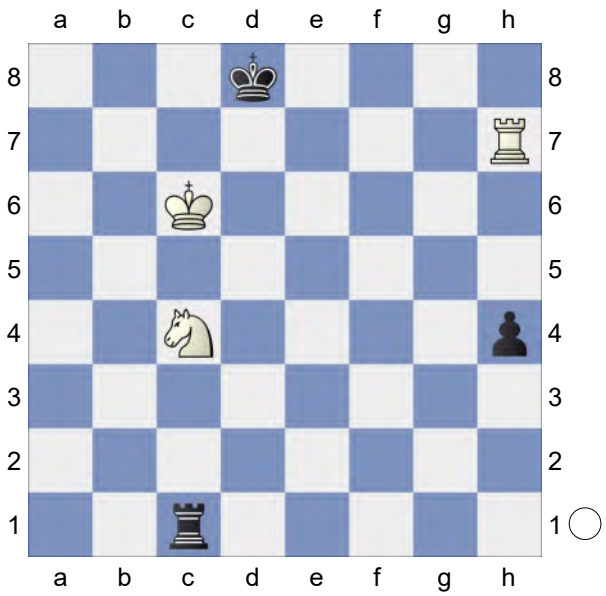
4.0-0 Be7 5.Re1 Nd4 6.Bc4 Nxf3+ 7.Qxf3 Nf6 8.d3 White is slightly better.
8...0-0 9.Nc3 d6 10.a4 Be6 11.h3 Qd7 12.a5 Rad8 13.Bd2 h6 14.Qe2 Ne8 15.f4 0.22/22 White is more active.
[15.Reb1± 0.64/20]
15...exf4!= 16.Bxf4 Bf6 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 0.94/23
[18...Bh4!= 0.19/24 keeps the balance.]
19.Qxe5± Qd4+ 20.Qxd4 cxd4 21.Ne4 Bd5 22.a6 b6

(Diagram)



23.Nd2 0.49/25
[White should try 23.Ng3!± 1.16/28 Bxc4 24.dxc4]
23...Bxc4± 24.Nxc4 Rd7 Repels Re7 **25.Ne5 Rd6 26.Nc4 Rd7 27.Kf2 Nc7 28.Re5** -0.51/26
[28.Re4= -0.02/23]
28...Rc8∓ 29.Ke2 b5 30.Na3 Rd6 31.Kd2 -0.63/27
[31.Rf1= -0.27/27]
31...Rxa6 32.Rf1! b4 0.01/25
[32...Rg6∓ -0.43/26 33.g4 Re6 34.Rxe6 fxe6]
33.Nc4= White wants to play Rc5.
33...Re8 34.Rxe8+ Nxe8 Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **35.Rf4 Rf6! 36.Rxd4 Rf2+ 37.Ke3 Rxg2** And now ...Nf6! would win. **38.Rd8 Kf8 39.Ra8 Ke7** Prevents Nd6.
[39...Rxc2 40.Nd6 *(40.Rxa7? Rh2-+)* 40...Ke7 41.Nxe8± *(41.Rxe8+? Kxd6 42.Ra8 Rxb2-+)*]
40.Rxa7+ Ke6 41.Ra6+ Ke7 42.c3 bxc3 43.bxc3 Rg3+ 44.Kd4 Rxh3 45.Ne3 -0.42/23
[45.Ra7+= -0.01/23 Ke6 46.Ra6+ Kf5 47.Ra5+ Kf6 48.Ra6+ Kg5 49.Ra7]
45...Nc7 -0.01/25
[45...Rh4+∓ -0.42/23 deserves consideration. 46.Ke5 Rh5+ 47.Kf4 g6]
46.Nf5+ Ke8 47.Rb6 -1.77/26
[47.Nxg7+= -0.15/24 and White has nothing to worry. Kf8 48.Rc6]
47...Ne6+? -0.23/25
[Black should play 47...g6-+ -1.77/26 48.Nd6+ Ke7 49.Nc8+ Kd7]
48.Kc4 Nf4 0.08/24
[48...Rf3∓ -0.41/24 49.Rb8+ Kd7 50.Rb7+ Kd8]
49.Nxg7+ Kd7 50.Rb5 Black must now prevent Rf5. **50...Rxd3 51.Rf5 Rg3 52.Rxf7+ Kd8 53.Nf5** Double Attack **53...Ng6 54.Ra7**
[54.Nxg3!? Ne5+□ 55.Kd4 Nxf7 56.Kd5=]
54...Ne5+ 55.Kd5 Rxc3 56.Kxe5 KRN-KR **56...Rc7 57.Ra6 Rc1 58.Nd4**
[Not 58.Nxh6 Re1+ 59.Kf6 Kc7+-]
58...Re1+ 59.Kd6 Ke8 60.Nf3 Rd1+ 61.Ke6 Kd8 62.Rc6 Rd7 63.Ne5 Rc7 64.Nf7+ Kc8 65.Nd6+ Kd8 66.Ra6 Re7+ 67.Kd5 Re1 68.Ra8+
[68.Nf7+ Ke7 69.Nxh6 Rd1+ 70.Ke5 Re1+ 71.Kd4 Rf1± *(71...Rd1+ 72.Ke5±)*]
68...Kc7 69.Ra7+ Kd8 70.Nf7+ Kc8 71.Ne5 Rd1+ 72.Ke6 h5 73.Rh7 h4 74.Nc4 Re1+ 75.Kd5 Rd1+ 76.Kc6 Kd8 77.Ne3 Rg1 78.Nc4 Rc1

(Diagram)



79.Kd6! Rd1+ 80.Ke6 h3 Deflection **81.Rxh3 Kc7 82.Rc3** White wants to mate with Ne3+. **82...Re1+ 83.Ne3+ Kd8 84.Kd6 Ke8 85.Ng4 Kf7 86.Ne5+ Kf6 87.Rf3+ Kg5 88.Ke6 Ra1 89.Rf5+ Kh4 90.Rf4+ Kg3 91.Kf5 Ra8 92.Rf3+ Kg2 93.Rd3 Ra4 94.Nc6 Rh4 95.Nd4 Kf2 96.Ke5 Rh8 97.Rf3+ Kg2 98.Ra3 Kf2 99.Nf3 Ke2 100.Ke4 Re8+ 101.Ne5 Kd2 102.Rh3 Kc2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise) **103.Kd4**
½-½

125 **B30**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2764**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**
Chessable Masters Div 1 W (3.3) 5.4.23
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bd6 5.d4 Nxd4 6.Bc4 Bc7 7.Ng5 0.20/22
[7.Bg5± 0.58/22 Ne7 *(7...Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 f6 9.Nc3±)* 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.c3]
7...Nh6 0.86/21
[7...Ne6!= 0.20/22 8.Nxe6 fxe6]
8.Nc3± White has strong compensation. White is better. **8...0-0 9.h3** 0.15/22
[9.Nd5± 0.87/20]
9...Kh8= 10.a4 f6 11.Nf3 next Bxh6 is good for White. **11...Ng8 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.c3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 b6 15.Rd1 Bb7 16.Be3 d6 17.Qg4** -0.35/23
[17.g4= 0.05/20]

17...Rb8 18.b4 Bc8 19.Qe2 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Qe7 Black is weak on the light squares **21.Qc4 f5** and ...f4 would now be decisive **22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Ra2 Bc8 24.Rad2 a6 25.Qe2** -0.20/21

[⌓25.Rb2 0.23/21]

25...a5! 26.Rb2 Bd7 27.Ra1 Rfc8 28.Qd3 Be8 29.Qc4 b5 30.axb5 Rxb5 31.Qg4 Rcb8 32.Bc4 R5b7 33.Bd5⇄ Prevents Bc6. White puts up resistance **33...Ra7** 1.18/22

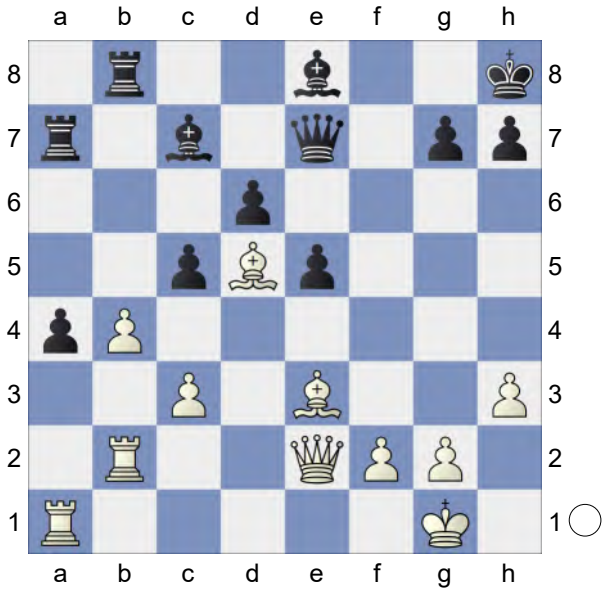
[33...Rb5!= -0.01/21]

34.Qe2 0.69/22 White is much more active.

[34.Raa2± 1.18/22]

34...a4 1.19/21

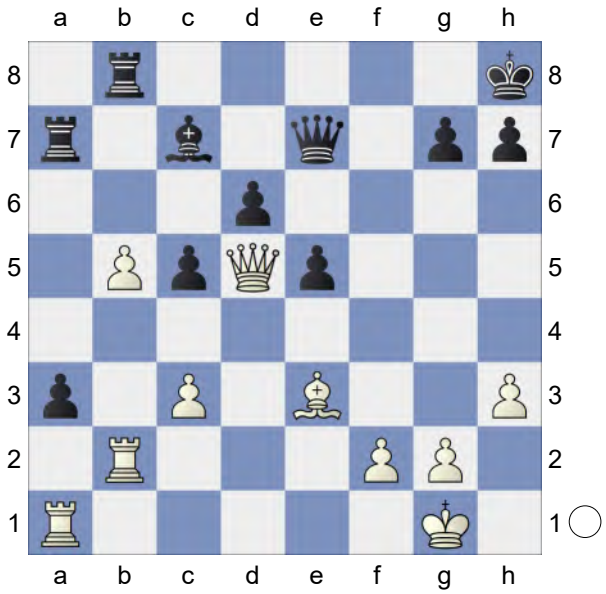
[34...Bf7± 0.69/22 35.Bxf7 Qxf7]



35.b5!± Bf7 36.Qc4 Bxd5 37.Qxd5 a3 2.65/25

[37...Qe8 1.75/21 was necessary.]

(Diagram)



38.Rb3!+- Qf8? 4.74/25

[38...Bd8 2.26/22 39.c4 *(39.Rbxa3 Rxa3 40.Rxa3 Rxb5=)* 39...Rba8]

39.c4

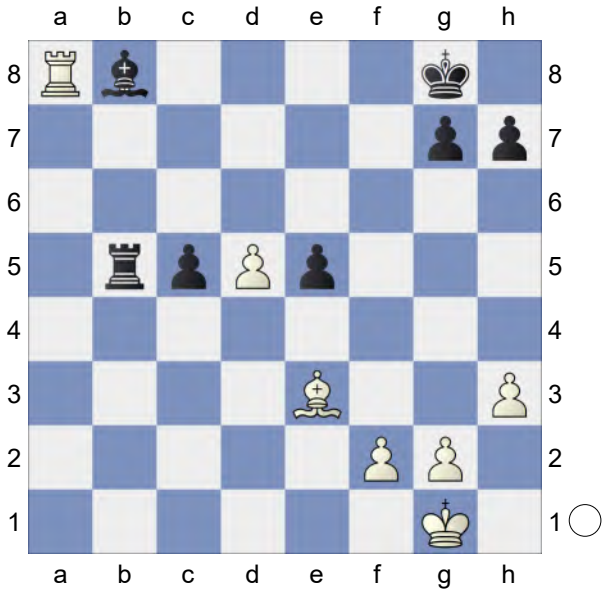
[Weaker is 39.Raxa3 Rab7 40.c4 h5+-]

39...a2 40.Rb2 Qg8 41.Qxg8+ 0.47/25

[41.Rbxa2 Qxd5 42.cxd5 Rxa2 43.Rxa2 Rxb5±]

[Only move: 41.Qe4+- 3.33/24]

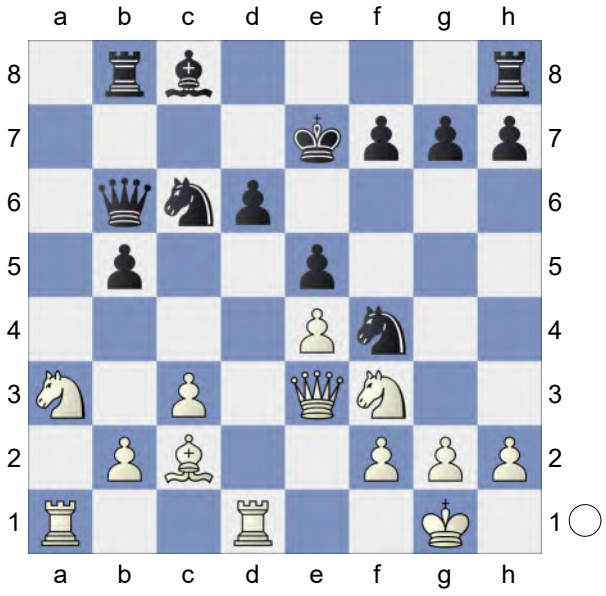
41...Kxg8± 42.Rbxa2 Rxa2 43.Rxa2+- Endgame KRB-KRB **43...d5!** Deflection **44.cxd5 Rxb5 45.Ra8+ Bb8!**



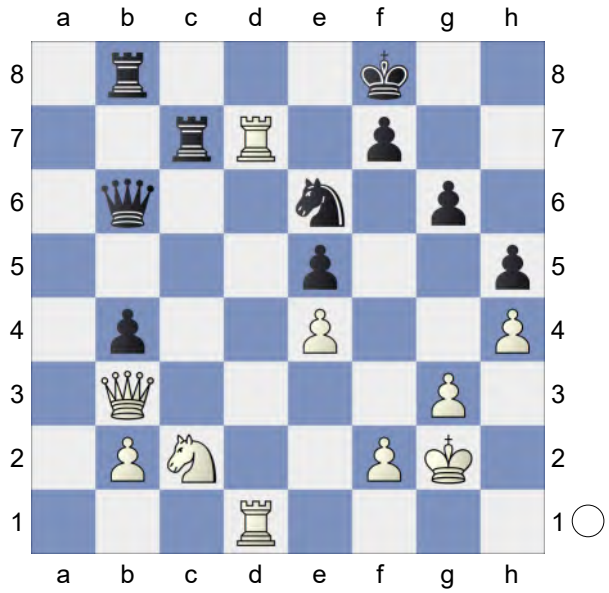
46.Bxc5! Deflection **46...Kf7 47.Ba3** Strongly threatening f3. **47...e4** 0.63/22
[47...Rb1+= 0.20/22 48.Kh2 e4+ 49.g3 Ra1]
48.g4 h5? 2.73/24
[48...Be5± 0.39/22]
49.gxh5 Be5? #1/6
[49...Kf6+- 2.52/27 50.Kg2 Kf7]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.45 **50.Rf8#**
1-0

126 **B30**
□ **So,W..** **2761**
■ **Nakamura,Hi** **2768**
American Cup Champ (3.3) 22.03.2023
[TA]

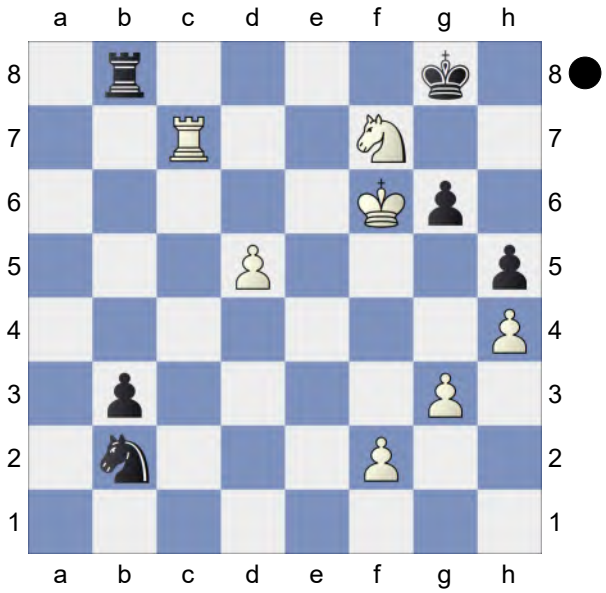
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bd6 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 c4 8.Bc2 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.d4 cxd3! 10.Qxd3 Be7**
[10...Bc7!]
11.Bg5 d6 12.Rd1
[12.Bxf6!? Bxf6 13.Rd1 Attacking d6 and vacating f1 for the knight (Nbd2-f1-e3). Be7 14.Nbd2 0-0 15.Nf1± 0.42/21 *(15.Bb3±; 15.b4±* 0.79/21 *)*]
12...Nh5 1.05/21
[12...0-0± 0.59/20]
13.Bxe7± Kxe7 14.a4 Rb8 1.64/22
[14...Bg4± 0.99/20]
15.axb5+- axb5 16.Na3? -0.01/20
[16.g3!±]
[16.g3!± 1.50/22]
16...Nf4= 17.Qe3 Qb6



18.Nd4! Nxd4 19.cxd4 Rd8 0.40/21
[19...Be6= -0.06/21]
20.Bb3± Be6 21.Nc2 0.16/23
[21.Bxe6± 0.66/23 Nxe6 22.Nc2]
21...Kf8 1.01/22
[21...Bxb3= 0.16/23 22.Qxb3 Kf8]
22.Rd2 0.15/20
[22.d5± 1.01/22 Bd7 23.Nb4]
22...Rdc8 0.71/22
[22...Bc4= 0.15/20]
23.g3 Bxb3 24.Qxb3 Ne6 25.Rad1 b4 26.Kg2 -0.01/23
[26.dxe5± 0.49/23 dxe5 27.Qf3]
26...g6 0.68/24
[26...Qb7= -0.01/23]
27.h4 h5 1.33/25
[27...Qb7± 0.68/22]
28.dxe5± dxe5 29.Rd7 0.38/23
[29.Rd6± 1.08/25 Qc7 30.Nxb4]
29...Rc7? 2.21/25
[29...Rb7!± 0.38/23]

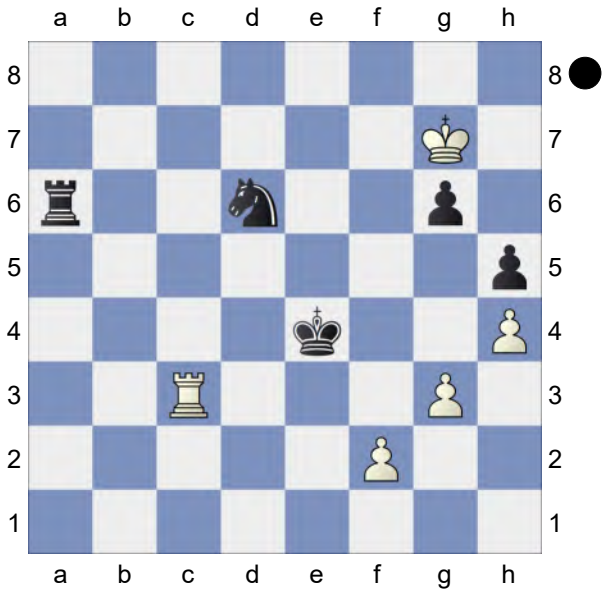


30.Qf3!+- Rxd7 31.Rxd7 Nd8 32.Ne3 Qc6 Repels Nc4 **33.Rd5 Qe6** 4.75/24
[33...Kg7 2.00/26 34.Rxe5 Qc7]
34.Qd1 Qf6 5.73/24
[34...Qe8 3.87/24 35.Rd7 Kg8]
35.Rd7 Kg7 36.Rd6
[36.Nd5 Qc6 37.Rc7 Qa6±]
36...Qe7 37.Rd7? -0.01/23
[37.Qd5+- 5.94/25 Rc8 38.Rd7]
37...Qf6= 38.Nd5? 1.39/26
[38.Nc4+- 4.98/24]
38...Qe6? 3.35/27
[38...Qc6± 1.39/26 39.Re7 *(39.Rc7 Qa6±)* 39...Qd6]
39.Nc7+- Qc6 40.Qd5 Prevents Ne6
[40.Rxd8 Qxc7 41.Rxb8 Qxb8=]
40...Qxd5 41.exd5 Endgame KRN-KRN
[41.Rxd5 Nc6±]
41...Nb7 42.Ne6+ Kg8? 5.66/28
[42...Kf6 3.37/27 is a better defense.]
43.Ng5 Nd8 44.Kf3 b3 45.Ke4 Nb7 46.Kxe5
[46.Rxf7? Nd6+ 47.Kd3 Nxf7-+]
46...Nc5 47.Rc7 Nd3+ 48.Kf6 Nxb2 49.Nxf7? -0.01/27
[49.d6!+- 33.94/32 Nc4 50.Rxc4 *(50.d7? Nb6-+)*]



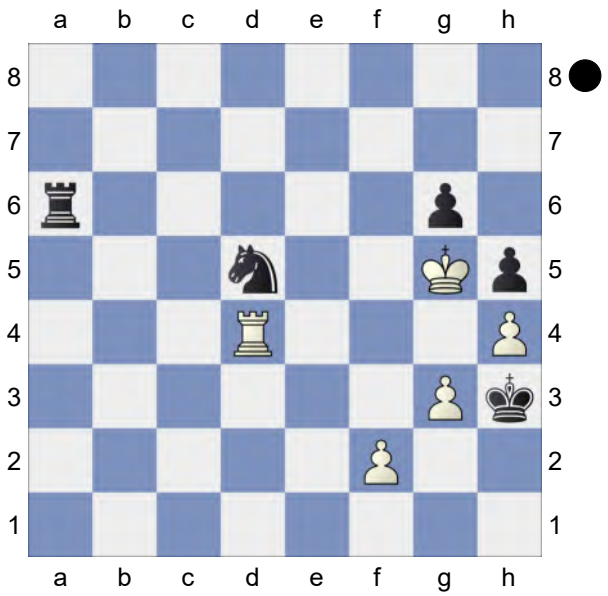
49...Nc4! Clearance, Promotion **50.Nh6+**
[50.Rxc4? b2 51.Rc7 *(51.Kxg6? b1Q+ 52.Kxh5 Kxf7-+; 51.Nh6+? Kh7-+)* 51...Rf8-+ *(51...b1B? 52.Nh6+ Kh8 53.d6+-)*]
[50.d6 b2 51.Nh6+ Kh8 52.Nf7+]

50...Kf8
[50...Kh8!? 51.Nf7+□ *(51.Rxc4? b2-+)* 51...Kg8 52.Nh6+ *(52.Rxc4? b2-+)* 52...Kf8 53.Rf7+ *(53.Rxc4 b2=)* 53...Ke8 54.Re7+ Kf8 55.Rf7+=]
51.Rf7+
[51.Rxc4 b2 52.d6 b1Q∓ *(52...b1B? 53.Rc7+-)*]
[51.Rxc4 with more complications. b2 52.d6 b1Q 53.Rc7]
51...Ke8 52.Re7+! Kd8 0.37/26
[52...Kf8= -0.01/29 53.Rf7+ Ke8 54.Re7+ Kd8 55.Nf7+ Kc8]
53.Nf7+± Kc8 54.d6
[54.Kxg6? b2 55.Re1 *(55.Kxh5? b1Q-+; 55.Re8+ Kc7∓)* 55...b1Q+ 56.Rxb1 Rxb1 57.Kxh5 Kd7-+]
54...Rb6 55.Re8+
[55.Kxg6 b2 56.Kg7 *(56.Kxh5? Ne5∓)* 56...Nxd6 57.Nxd6+ Rxd6=]
55...Kb7⇄ Black has counterplay
[55...Kd7!? 56.Re7+□ Kc8 57.Rc7+ *(57.Kxg6 b2=)* 57...Kb8 58.Rxc4 *(58.Ke7? Nxd6 59.Rc1 b2-+)* 58...b2∓]
56.Ke7 Strongly threatening d7. **56...b2 57.d7 b1Q** (→ ...Qb4+)
[57...b1B? 58.d8Q *(58.d8B Rb2±)* 58...Ka6 59.Qa8+ Kb5 60.Qd5+ Kb4 61.Rc8+- *(61.Nd8 Kc3+-)*]
58.d8Q Qc8+ would kill now. **58...Qb4+ 59.Nd6+! Qxd6+**
[59...Nxd6 60.Qd7+ Ka6 61.Ra8#]
60.Qxd6 -0.74/30
[60.Kf7= -0.16/25 Ne5+ 61.Kg7 Qxd8 62.Rxd8]
60...Nxd6= KRN-KR
[60...Rxd6 61.Kf7=]
61.Rg8? -4.14/30
[61.Rd8∓ -0.60/28 Ne4 62.Rf8]
61...Nf5+-+ 62.Ke8 Kc7 63.Rf8 Nh6? -0.12/26 Against Rf7+
[63...Rd6-+ -4.11/28 64.Kf7 Kc6]
64.Rf4? -5.46/28
[64.Ke7= -0.12/26 and White stays safe.]
64...Re6+! 65.Kf8 Kd6 66.Kg7 Nf5+ 67.Kf7 Kd5 68.Rf3 Ra6 69.Rb3 Ke4 70.Rc3 Nd6+ 71.Kg7



Kd4! 72.Rb3 Nf5+ 73.Kh7 Ke5 74.Rb8 Ne7? -0.32/26
[74...Kf6-+ -5.28/27 75.Rf8+ Ke6]
75.Kg7!∓ Ra7 76.Rb5+ Ke6 77.Rb6+ Kf5 (→ ...Nc8+) **78.Rb5+ Kg4 79.Rb4+?** -5.76/28
[79.Kf7∓ -0.40/25]
79...Kh3-+ 80.Kh6 Ra6 81.Kg5 Nd5? -0.20/25
[81...Ra5+-+ -4.71/24 82.Kh6 Ra6]
82.Rd4 -1.57/27
[82.Rb3!= -0.20/25]

(Diagram)



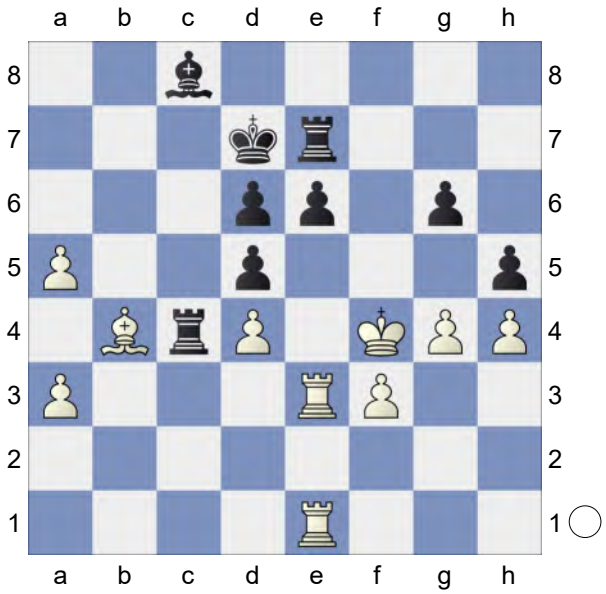
82...Nc3 -0.11/25
[82...Nc7!∓ -1.57/27 and ...Ne6+ would now be decisive 83.Kh6 Ne8]
83.Kh6? -6.41/24
[83.g4= -0.11/25]
83...Kg2? -0.11/24
[Black should play 83...Rf6-+ -6.41/24 84.Rb4 Ne2 *(84...Rxf2 85.Kxg6 Ne2 86.Kxh5∓)*]
84.g4= Ne2 85.Rb4 Kf3
[85...Kxf2 86.gxh5 gxh5+ 87.Kxh5∓]
86.gxh5 gxh5+ 87.Kxh5 Nf4+
[87...Kxf2 88.Kg4 Nc3 89.h5∓]
88.Kg5 Ra5+ 89.Kh6 Kg4 90.Kg7 Kf5 91.Rb7 Ne6+ 92.Kh6 Kf6 93.h5 Ra8 94.f4 Rh8+
[94...Nxf4 95.Rb6+ Ne6 96.Kh7-+]
95.Rh7 Ra8 (→ ...Nd4!)
[Don't do 95...Rxh7+ 96.Kxh7 Ng7 *(96...Nxf4 97.Kg8=)* 97.Kg8∓]
96.Rb7 Nxf4 97.Rb6+ Ne6 98.Kh7 Against Rh8+ **98...Ra7+ 99.Kh6 Rd7 100.Rxe6+?** -#19/30 **Kxe6** Black mates. **101.Kg6 Rd1 102.h6 Rg1+ 103.Kh7** Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.62 **103...Kf7**
0-1

127 **B31**
□ **LCZero 0.30-dag-9a9c42d_78496**
■ **Stockfish Dev16** **3625**
TCEC 23 Superfinal 2022 (13) 02.11.22
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Qb6 6.Ba4 e6 0.98/19
[6...Nf6± 0.54/22]
7.d4± cxd4 8.Bxc6! bxc6 White is

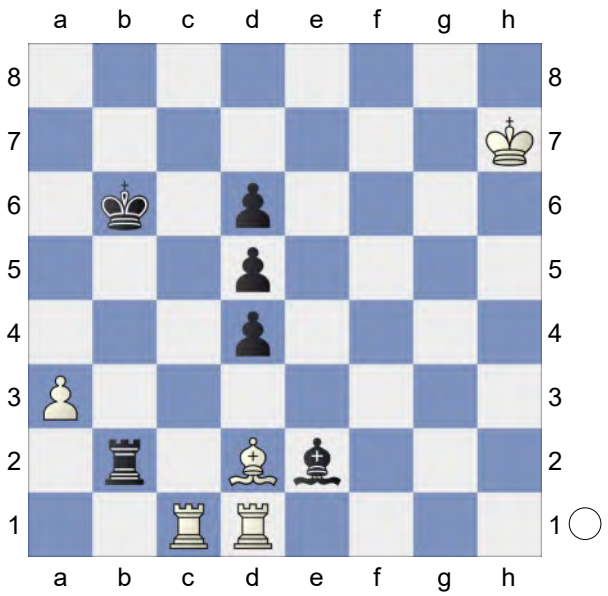
better. **9.cxd4 Nf6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.e5 Nd5 12.Re1 a5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.b3 Ba6 15.h4 Rfc8 16.Ba3! Bh6 17.Nh2** [17.Ng5 Qd8 18.Qd2 a4 19.Bd6] **17...Qd8 18.g3 Bg7 19.Qd2!** Wards off Rc3 **19...f6 20.Bd6 h5 21.Nf3 Kh7 22.exf6** White is much more active. **22...Qxf6 23.Bf4 a4 24.Qb4** 1.21/23 [24.bxa4?! Rc4±] [24.Rac1!+- 1.85/22] **24...Bh6 25.Bxh6** [25.bxa4 Bxf4 26.gxf4 Qxf4 27.Qe7+ Kg8∓] **25...Qxf3 26.Re3! Qg4 27.Bf4 Rf8 28.Qe7+** Black is weak on the dark squares **28...Kg8 29.f3 Qh3 30.Qg5!** Chess con chili. [30.Qxd7?! Rxf4 31.gxf4 Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Qh3+ 33.Kg1 axb3=] **30...Qf5 31.Qh6!** Wards off Qxg5 [31.bxa4?! Qxg5 32.hxg5 *(32.Bxg5 Rfc8=)* 32...Rfc8=] **31...Rf7 32.bxa4 Bc4 33.Ra3!** [33.Be5 Rh7 34.Qg5 Qxg5 35.hxg5 Rxa4±] **33...Ra6 34.a5! Rh7 35.Qg5** [35.g4 keeps more tension. hxg4 36.Qg5 Rf7 37.Bd2] **35...Qxg5 36.Bxg5 d6 37.Re1 Rha7 38.Bd2** [38.Rxe6?! Kf7 39.Rf6+ Kg7±] **38...Re7 39.Rae3 Kf7** 1.54/22 [⌓39...e5 1.01/22 40.a3 *(40.dxe5 Bxa2 41.e6 d4+-)* 40...Rf7] **40.a3 Rc6 41.Kg2 Ba6** Strongly threatening ...Rc2. **42.Bb4! Bc8 43.g4 Ke8** 1.80/24 [43...Ba6± 1.35/22 44.Kg3 Bc8] **44.Kg3+- Kd7 45.Kf4 Rc4**

(Diagram)



46.Rd1 e5+ 47.Kg5 Kc6 2.02/20 [47...Re6± 1.41/22 was necessary. 48.gxh5 gxh5 49.dxe5 *(49.Kxh5 Re8±)* 49...d4] **48.a6** [48.gxh5 gxh5 49.dxe5 *(49.Kxh5 Rh7+ 50.Kg6 Rxh4±)* 49...Rxe5+ 50.Rxe5 dxe5 51.Kxh5 Rf4] [48.Kxg6 hxg4 49.dxe5 gxf3 50.Bxd6 Rg4+ 51.Kf6 Re6+ 52.Kf7 Rf4+ *(52...Rxh4 53.Rxf3 Rh7+ 54.Kg8±)* 53.Kg7 d4∓] **48...hxg4 49.fxg4** [49.Kxg6 gxf3 50.a7 Re6+ *(50...Rxa7 51.h5∓)* 51.Kg5 Kb7 52.Rxf3 Rc7] **49...Re6 50.h5** [50.a7?! Kb7] **50...gxh5 51.gxh5 Kb6 52.h6 Rc2 53.Bd2 Re8 54.Rc3 Rb2 55.h7 exd4 56.Rcc1 Rh8 57.Kg6 Bxa6 58.Kg7** [58.Bg5 Rh2=] **58...Rxh7+ 59.Kxh7 Be2**

(Diagram)



60.Bb4! Bxd1 61.Rxd1 Endgame KRB-KR **61...d3?** 4.63/26
[61...Kc6 1.94/25 62.Rxd4 Rc2]
62.Rxd3
[Not 62.Bxd6 Rb3±]
62...Kc6 63.Kg6 Re2 64.Kf5 Re5+ 65.Kg4 Kb5 66.Kf3 Kc6 67.Rc3+ Kd7 68.a4 d4 69.Rc4 Re3+ 70.Kf2 Re4 71.a5 Rh4 72.Bd2 d5 73.Rc5 Kd6 74.Bb4 Rh2+ 75.Kf3 Ke5 76.a6 Rh3+ 77.Ke2 d3+ 78.Kd2 aiming for a7. **78...Ke4 79.a7 Rh2+ 80.Kd1 Rh1+ 81.Be1 d2 82.Kxd2**
[82.a8B dxe1Q+ *(82...dxe1B 83.Rxd5 Bg3+ 84.Ke2=)* 83.Kc2 Qb1+ *(83...Qf2+* is a self mate. *84.Kb3 Rb1+ 85.Ka3 Qb2+ 86.Ka4 Qb4#)* 84.Kc3 Ke3 85.Bxd5 Rc1#]
82...Rh2+ 83.Kc1 Rh8 84.Bg3 Ra8 85.Bb8 Kd4 86.Ra5 Intending Kb2 and mate. **86...Kc4 87.Kc2** White mates. **87...Kd4 88.Kb3 Ke4 89.Kc3 d4+ 90.Kd2 d3 91.Ra4+ Kf5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) / Black=0.06 (flawless) **92.Kxd3**
1-0

128 **B31**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2777**
■ **Saric,Ivan** **2657**
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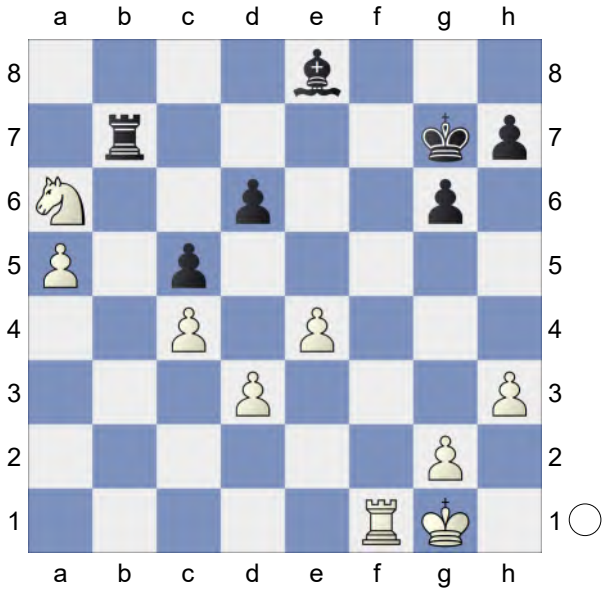
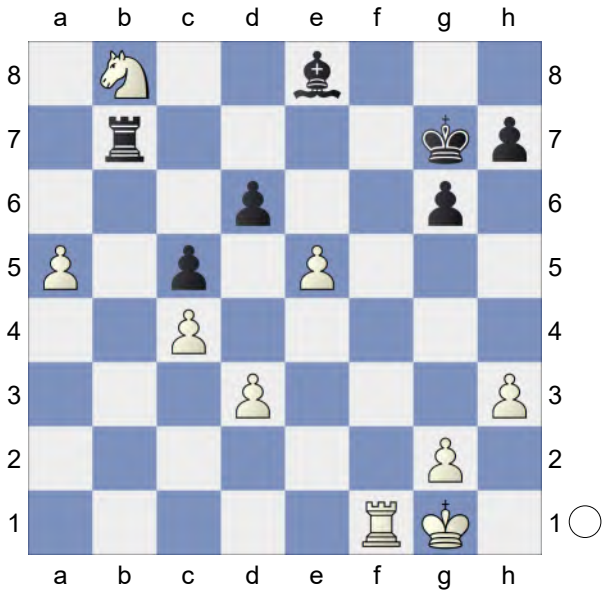
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.h3 Qb6 8.a4 a6 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.e5 White is slightly better. **10...Nd5 11.a5**

Qd8 12.d3 d6 13.Qa4 0.12/21
[13.Nbd2± 0.50/20]
13...dxe5 0.49/23
[13...Bf5= 0.12/21]
14.Nxe5± Bxe5 15.Rxe5 Qd6 0.99/23
[15...Qc7± 0.61/21 16.Re1 Rd8]
16.Re1± Bf5 17.Na3 Rfe8
[17...Bxd3 18.Bh6±]
18.Nc4 Qc7 19.Be3 Nxe3 20.Rxe3
[20.fxe3 Bxd3 21.e4 Rad8∓]
20...Rad8 21.Ne5 f6 22.Qxc6 0.88/24
[22.Nxc6 Rc8 23.g4 Qxc6±]
[⌓22.Qc4+! 1.31/24 Rd5 23.Ng4]
22...Qd6 23.Qxd6 exd6 24.Ng4
[24.Nc6 Rxe3 25.Nxd8 *(25.fxe3 Re8∓)* 25...Rxd3∓]
24...Rxe3 25.fxe3± Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **25...Rb8** 1.99/27
[25...Kg7± 0.85/27]
26.Nxf6+ Kg7 27.Nd5 Rxb2 28.e4 Bd7 29.Rf1 Be6 30.Nc7 Bd7 31.Nxa6 0.24/24
[31.g4± 1.08/22]
31...Rb7!= 32.c4 Inhibits Bb5. **32...Be8**



33.e5! Ra7 34.Nb8 Rb7 35.Na6 -0.01/23
[35.exd6!± 0.56/25 Rxb8 36.Re1]
35...Ra7 36.Nb8 Rb7



37.exd6! Rxb8 KRB-KR **38.Re1! Kf8** 1.62/30
[38...Kf6= 0.25/24 and Black is okay.]
39.Re7!+- Rd8 40.a6 White has more active pieces.
[40.Rxh7 Bf7 *(40...Rxd6? 41.Rc7-+)* 41.Rh8+ Bg8-+]
40...Rxd6 41.a7 Rd8 42.Rb7 0.47/26
[42.Rxh7 Bf7 43.Rh8+ Bg8∓]
[42.Rc7+- 2.00/27]
42...Bc6? 2.99/27
[42...Ra8!± 0.47/26]
43.Rc7! Be8 3.89/26
[⌓43...Ba8 2.67/27 44.Rxh7 *(44.Rxc5 Ke7∓)* 44...Kg8]
44.Kf2
[44.Rxh7 Bf7 45.Rh8+ Bg8-+]
[44.Rxc5 Bd7±]
44...g5 45.Ke3
[Weaker is 45.Rxh7 Bf7±]
45...h6 46.g3 Bg6? 5.16/22
[46...Ba4 3.20/22 47.Rxc5 Kg7 48.Rc7+ Kf6]

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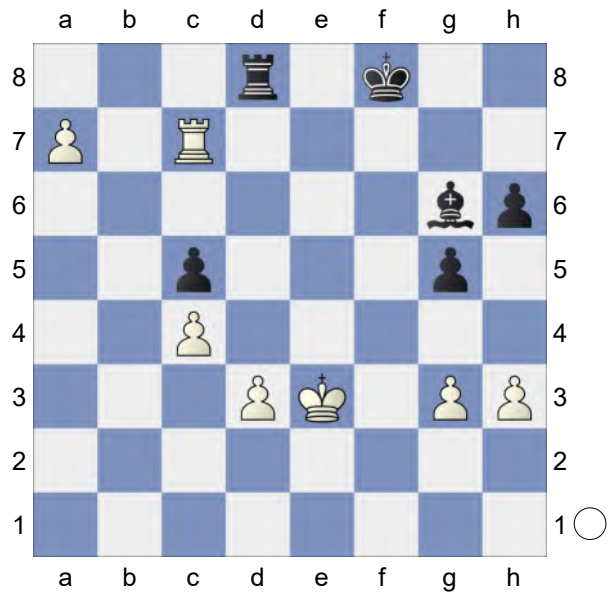
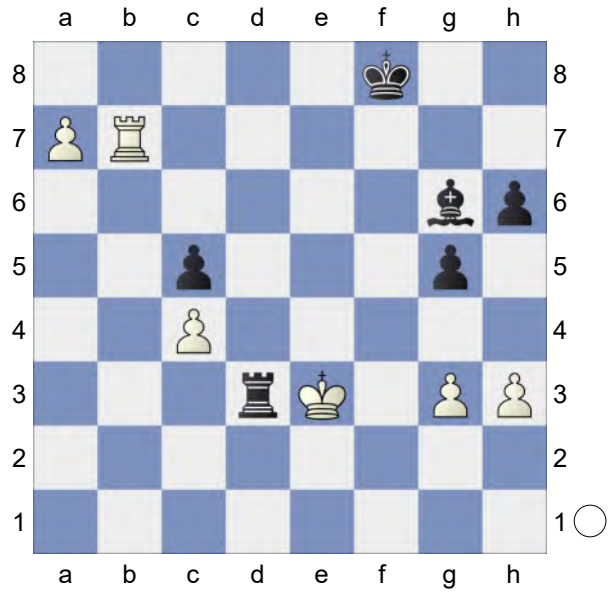


47.Rb7!
[47.Rxc5 Rxd3+ 48.Ke2 Rd8= *(48...Rxg3 49.a8Q+ Kg7 50.Rc7+ Bf7 51.Qe8 Rg2+ 52.Kf1; 48...Ra3? 49.Rc8+ Kg7 50.a8R+-)*]
47...Rxd3+



48.Kf2! Ra3 aiming for ...Be4. **49.Rb8+ Kg7 50.a8Q**
[Inferior is 50.a8B Bf7=]
50...Rxa8 51.Rxa8 KR-KB **51...Bd3 52.Ra4 Kf6 53.Ke3 Bf1 54.h4 gxh4 55.gxh4 Ke5 56.Ra6 Bxc4 57.Rxh6** Hoping for h5. **57...Be6?** 7.38/32
[57...Kf5 3.50/26 58.Rh5+ Kg4 59.Rxc5 Bf7]
58.Rg6 3.50/32
[⌓58.h5 7.38/32 Kf5 59.Kd2]
58...Bf5? 11.68/25
[58...Bf7 3.50/32 59.Rg5+ Kf6 60.Rxc5 Kg6]
59.Rg1 Kf6 60.h5 Bh7 61.h6 Bg6 62.Kd2 Kf7 63.Kc3 Kf6 64.Kc4 Bf7+ 65.Kxc5 White threatens h7 and mate. **65...Bg6 66.Kd6** White mates. **66...Kf7 67.Ke5 Bd3 68.Rg7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.56 **68...Kf8 1-0**

129 **B51**
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2730**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2731**
Armageddon Asia&Oceania Win blitz (2.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 g6 10.d3 Bg7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nd2 Rc8 13.a4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **13...e6N** White is slightly better.

[Vorgänger: 13...Nd7 14.Qg3 e6 15.Be2 d5 16.exd5 exd5 17.Bg5 f6 0.92/20 *(17...Bf6± 0.45/23 18.h4 Bxg5 19.hxg5 Re8)* 18.Be3 f5 19.Bd1 Nde5 1.21/21 *(19...Nce5 0.80/20)* 20.Bf4 0.85/20 *(⌓20.Bxc5 1.21/21 f4 21.Qh2 Nxd3 22.Bxf8)* 20...Re8± 21.Bb3 and Re2 would now be decisive Qd7 22.Ba2 Re7 23.Nb3 b6

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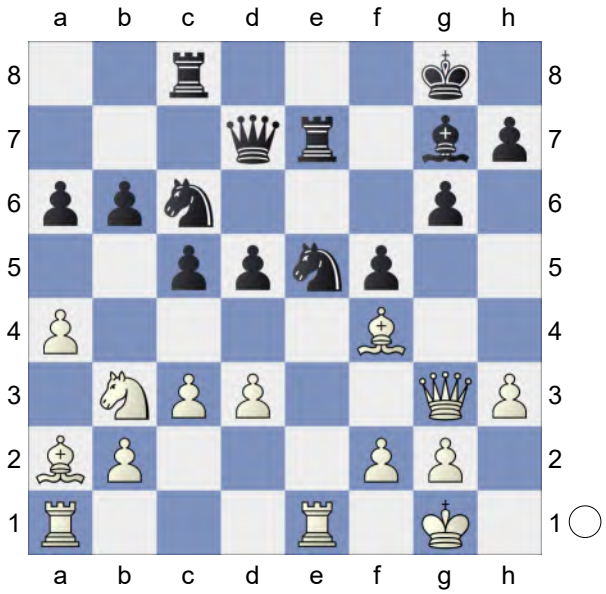


24.a5! c4 25.dxc4 dxc4 26.Rad1 ½-½ (26) Shchebenyuk,N (2082)-Baum,H (2300) LSS email 2014]

14.Qd1 Re8 15.g3 Re7 16.Bg2 Qf8 0.79/20

[16...b5= 0.19/18]

17.Nc4± Qd8 18.a5 Re8 1.57/19

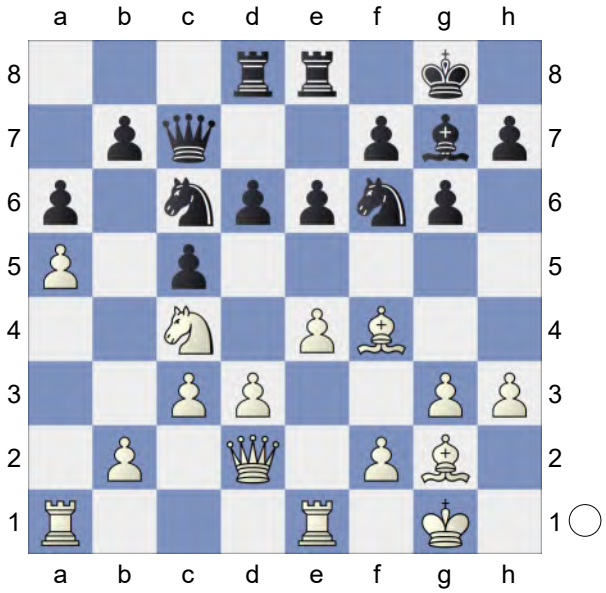
[⌓18...Rb8 1.03/20]

19.Qd2 0.86/21 White is more active.

[⌓19.e5! 1.57/19]

19...Qc7 20.Bf4 Rcd8 1.43/22

[Better is 20...Bf8 0.85/20]



21.Nxd6! Decoy **21...Rxd6 22.e5 Nxe5** 2.75/23
[22...Rdd8± 1.53/23]
23.Bxe5+- A strong pair of Bishops.
[23.Rxe5 Qc8±]
23...Red8 24.Qf4 Ne8 25.Bxd6 Nxd6 26.h4 h5 27.Bf3 Qd7 2.48/20
[⌓27...Kh7 1.89/19 28.Bg2 b6]
28.Qa4 Qc7 2.14/22
[28...Qe7 1.62/22 29.Red1 Be5]
29.Qb3 Rd7 30.Kg2 1.23/21
[30.Qb6+- 1.97/22]
30...Nf5 2.20/23
[30...Bf6± 1.23/21 31.Qc2 Kg7]
31.Ra4 Bf6 32.Rc4 0.94/25
[32.Qb6+- 1.89/23]
32...Nd6 1.31/26
[⌓32...Qxa5 0.94/25 33.Bxb7 Nd4 34.cxd4 Qxe1]
33.Rf4± Bg7 1.84/23
[33...Kg7± 1.33/21 34.Ra4 Nf5]
34.Qb6 1.10/23
[34.Ra4+- 1.84/23]
34...Qc8 2.53/21
[34...Qxb6± 1.10/23 keeps fighting. 35.axb6 Nc8]
35.Qb3? -0.01/21
[White should try 35.g4+- 2.53/21]
35...Qc7!= 36.Ra4 Bf6 37.d4 1.43/24
[37.Rd1+- 1.82/23]
37...cxd4± 38.cxd4 Nf5 2.67/24
[38...Qd8± 1.44/24 39.Kg1 Qc8]
39.d5+- exd5 40.Bxd5 Kg7? 3.90/23
[40...Nd4 2.29/21 41.Re8+ Kg7]
41.Be4 Nd4 42.Qb6 Qc8? 5.11/24
[42...Qxb6 2.61/23 43.axb6 Re7]
43.Rd1 Qe8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.65 **44.Rdxd4**
1-0

130 **B51**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2731**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2731**
Armageddon Asia&Oceania Win blitz (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
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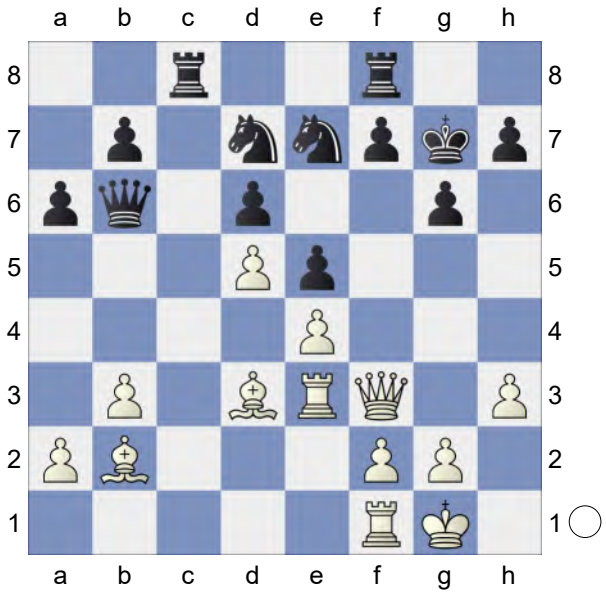
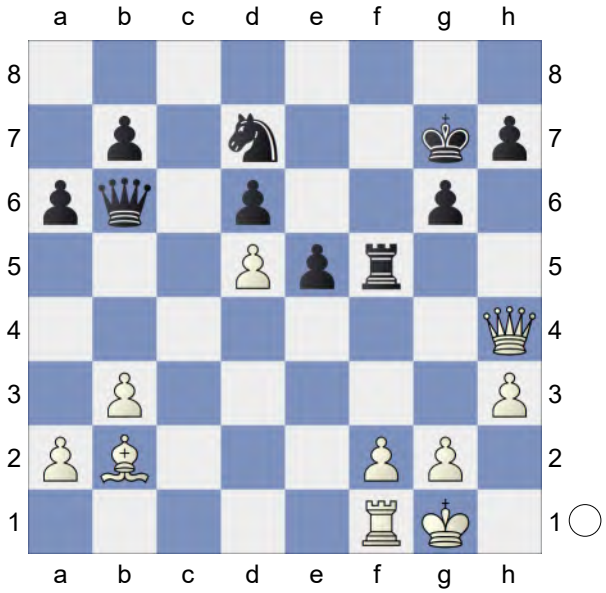
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 g6 10.Qd1 Bh6 11.Na3 0-0 12.Nc2 Qb6!?

Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **13.b3** -0.12/22
[⌓13.Ne3 0.24/22]
13...Rad8N
[Vorgänger: 13...Qa5 14.Bb2 Rac8 15.a3 Rfe8 16.Ne3 b5 17.d4 cxd4 0.71/28 *(17...Qb6± 0.34/25* feels stronger.*)* 18.cxd4± Bg7 1.28/25 *(18...e5± 0.56/25)* 19.d5 0.63/23 *(19.a4± 1.28/25 b4 20.Qd3)* 19...Nb8 1.60/24 1-0 (36) Coro,L (2269)-Andrade,R (2060) Montevideo 2018 *(19...Ne5± 0.63/23)*]
14.Bb2
[14.b4 feels hotter. cxb4 15.Nxb4 Nxb4 16.Rb1]
14...e5 15.d4 cxd4! 16.cxd4 Rfe8 1.01/27
[16...d5= -0.15/25 remains equal. 17.exd5 Nxd5 *(17...Rxd5 18.Bc4=)*]
17.d5± Ne7 18.Qf3 Kg7 1.20/25
[18...Nd7 0.72/22]
19.Ne3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 0.76/24
[20.fxe3?! Neg8±]
[White should play 20.Qxe3 1.32/25 Qxe3 21.Rxe3]
20...Rc8 1.35/22
[Better is 20...Nd7 0.76/24]
21.Bd3 Nd7 22.Rf1 Rf8

(Diagram)

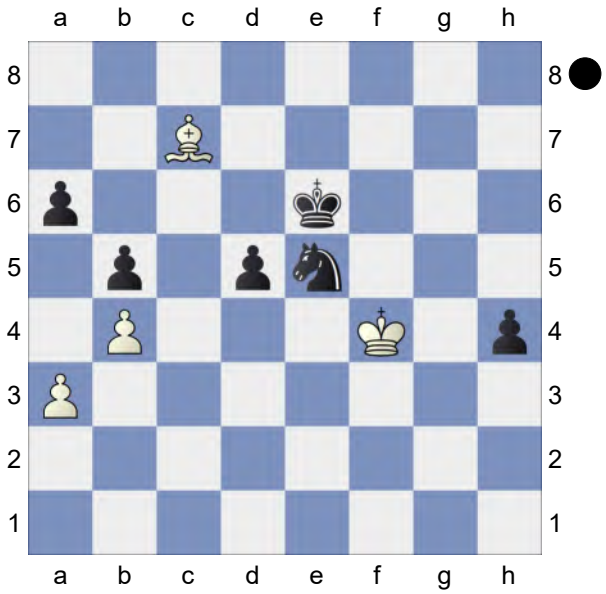


23.Qg3 -0.01/23
[23.Qe2!± 1.17/23]
23...f5!= 24.Qh4 -0.46/25
[24.exf5= 0.01/25 Nxf5 25.Bxf5 Rxf5 26.Rf3 Rxf3 27.Qxf3]
24...Rf7 0.18/26
[24...f4∓ -0.46/25 25.Rf3 *(25.Qxe7+? Rf7∓)* 25...Nf6]
25.Rf3 aiming for exf5. **25...Rcf8**
26.exf5 Nxf5 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 3.55/29
[27...gxf5± 0.86/26 keeps fighting. 28.Rg3+ Kh8]
28.Rxf5+- Rxf5



29.Kh2? -0.01/26
[29.Bc1!+- 3.22/26]
29...Nf6= Black keeps a firm grip on the game. **30.f4?** -2.82/27
[30.Qc4= 0.01/26 and White stays safe.]
30...Qe3? -0.35/29
[30...Nxd5 31.Rd1 Rxf4 32.Qg5=]
[30...g5-+ -2.82/27 31.Qe1 *(31.fxg5? Rxf1 32.gxf6+ Kh8-+)* 31...Rxf4 *(31...gxf4 32.g4∓)* 32.Rxf4 gxf4]
31.Rf3? -3.21/29
[31.Rc1∓ -0.35/29 Qxf4+ *(31...Rxf4? 32.Rc7+ Kf8 33.Qh6+ Ke8 34.Bc1+-; 31...Nxd5 32.fxe5 Qd2 33.exd6+ Qxb2 34.d7=)* 32.Qxf4 exf4 *(32...Rxf4 33.Rc7+ Kg8 34.Rxb7=)* 33.Rc7+ Kh6 34.Rxb7]
31...Qe4-+ 32.Qf2? -5.68/27
[32.Bc1 -2.66/24]
32...Rxf4
[Not 32...exf4 33.Qb6 Qxd5 *(33...Rxd5?* is the wrong capture. *34.Qxb7+ Kf8 35.Bxf6+-)* 34.Qf2∓]
33.Rxf4 Qxf4+ 34.Qxf4 exf4 Endgame KB-KN. Black is a pawn up.
35.g3 fxg3+ 36.Kxg3 Kf7 37.Ba3 Ke7
[37...Nxd5? 38.Bxd6 Nc3 39.Bb4 Nxa2 40.Bd2-+]
38.Kf4 h6 39.Bc1 Nxd5+ 40.Ke4 Nf6+ 41.Kd4 g5 42.b4 b5 43.Bd2 Ke6 44.Be1 h5 45.Bd2 g4 46.hxg4 Nxg4 Threatens to win with ...h4. **47.Bg5 Ne5 48.Ke4** Repels Nf3 **48...Ng6 49.Bd8 h4 50.a3 d5+ 51.Kd4 Ne5 52.Bc7 Nf3+ 53.Ke3 Ne5?** 0.01/28
[53...Ne1-+ -11.33/26 54.Kf4 h3]
54.Kf4? -24.62/30
[54.Kd4= 0.01/28 Ng4 55.Kc5]

(Diagram)



54...h3! (→ ...h2) **55.Kg3** Weighted Error Value: White=1.06/Black=0.43
55...d4
[55...Nc4? 56.Kxh3 Nxa3 57.Kg2-+]
0-1

131 **B30**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2694**
■ **Navara,David** **2689**
Biel Rapid 56th (1) 16.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7*

14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 a6 7.e5 -0.01/21

[7.Bf1

A) 7...e5 8.Nd5 Repels Be7 Nxd5 9.exd5 d6 0.86/21 *(9...Bd6± 0.34/21)* 10.c3 0.28/19 *(10.Nxd4± 0.86/21 cxd4 11.c3)* 10...Nxf3+= 11.Qxf3 Be7! 12.d4 0-0!;

B) 7...Ng4 (→ ...Nxf3+) 8.g3 Nxf3+! 9.Qxf3 Ne5 10.Qe2 e6 Wards off Nd5 11.d3 d6 12.Bg2 Be7 13.Be3]

[7.Bf1± 0.53/23]

7...Nxb5= 8.exf6 Nxc3! now scores much better than the old 8...Nc6. punktet besser als das ältere 8...Sc6.

9.fxg7 The position is equal. **9...Bxg7 10.dxc3 d6 11.Qd3**

[11.Bf4 -0.35/20 11.Qd3 0.01 e5 12.Ng5 -0.76/22 *(12.Bg3= -0.20/19* keeps the balance.*)* 12...0-0∓ 13.Bg3 Qc6]

[11.Ng5

A) 11...h6 0.01/19 11...Bf5 -0.37 12.Bf4! 0-0 0.38/20 *(12...hxg5= -0.01/22 13.Bxd6 Qd8 14.Rxe7+ Qxe7 15.Bxe7 Kxe7)* 13.Ne4±

A1) 13...Bf5 1.39/25 13...Qd7 0.03 14.Qh5 0.35/21 *(14.Bxh6± 1.39/25 Bxh6 15.Qh5 Bxe4 16.Qxh6)* 14...Bg6± 15.Qh4! h5 1.30/20 *(15...f5± 0.45/21 16.Ng3 e5 17.Bxh6 f4)* 16.Rad1;

A2) 13...Qd7= 0.06/20;

A3) 13...f5 1.18/21 14.Nxd6!± exd6 15.Bxd6 Qf7 1.93/25 *(15...Qd7± 0.85/23)* 16.Bxf8 0.88/23 *(16.Re7+-* 1.93/25 has better winning chances. *Qf6 17.Qd5+ Kh7 18.Bxc5)* 16...Bxf8± 17.Qf3 0.17/21 *(17.Qd8± 0.80/22 b5 18.Qb6)*;

B) 11...Bf5 12.a4 -0.64/18 *(12.g4= -0.11/21 Bg6 13.Nh3)* 12...Qc6 13.Qe2 Bf6 14.Ne4 Qxe4 15.Qxe4 Bxe4 16.Rxe4]

[11.Qd5]

11...h6 12.Nh4

[12.Bf4 e5!

A) 13.Bg3 Be6 14.Nh4 c4 15.Qf3 -0.35/21 *(15.Qe3=* 0.17/20) 15...Qd7 0.27/21 *(15...h5∓ -0.35/21)*;

B) 13.Bg3= 0.01/22;

C) 13.Rad1 -0.41/21 13...Be6∓ 14.Bg3 0-0-0]

12...Bf6 13.Nf5N Be6 14.Ng3

[14.Nxh6 Qd7 *(14...0-0-0?* 1.90/21 14…Qd7 -0.01 *15.Rxe6! fxe6 16.Nf7* Inhibits Rdf8. *)*]

14...0-0-0 0.44/20

[14...Qc6 15.Nh5 Be5 16.f4 Rg8 17.g3! Bh8 *(17...Bh3!? 18.Qe2□ Bg4=)* 18.f5 Bd5 0.38/26 *(18...Bd7=* -0.01/25 was preferable.*)* 19.f6 -0.01/19 *(19.Nf4!±* 0.38/26 *Bh1 20.Kf2)* 19...e5!= 20.Ng7+ Bxg7

21.Qh7 Wards off Bxf6 0-0-0 22.fxg7 Bh1 23.Re2! Qf3 Against Qf5+ 24.Rf2 Qd1+ 25.Rf1 Qd5 26.Rf2 Repels Qg2+ Qd1+]
[14...Qc6= -0.01/22]

15.Nh5!± Bg5 16.Ng7 Qd7 0.74/22
[16...Bg4= 0.09/22]

17.Qe4 0.10/25
[17.Nxe6± 0.74/22 fxe6 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.b4]

17...Bxc1 0.86/24
[17...Bh3!?]
[17...Bh3!= 0.10/25]

18.Raxc1± Bh3 19.Re3
[19.Qh4 -0.19/22 19.Re3 0.63 e5!]
[19.gxh3?! Rdg8=]

19...Rdg8 1.18/25
[19...Bg4± 0.51/24]

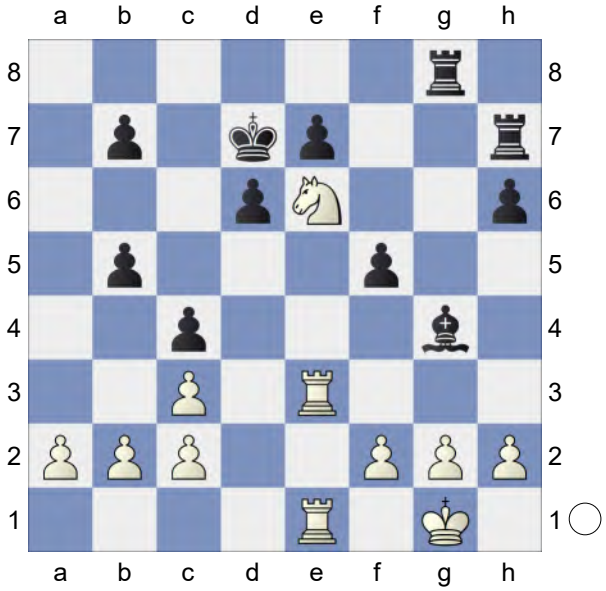
20.Rg3 f5 21.Qc4↑ White has strong initiative. **21...Bg4 22.Ne6 Qb5** 1.70/24
[22...h5± 1.15/23]

23.Qxb5 1.30/23
[23.Qd5 Qc6 2.18/22 *(23...Qxb2? 3.15/24 23...c4 1.43 24.Rf1 Be2 25.Re1 Rxg3 26.hxg3 Bb5 27.Nxc5 Bc6 28.Qxf5+ Kb8 29.Rxe7! Qxc3 30.Nb3; 23...c4± 1.30/24 24.Qxb5 axb5)* 24.c4 0.68/22 *(24.Qd2+- 2.18/22)* 24...h5!± 25.Re3 f4! 26.Qxc6+ bxc6 27.Nxf4 e5 28.Ne2]
[23.Qd5+- 1.70/24]

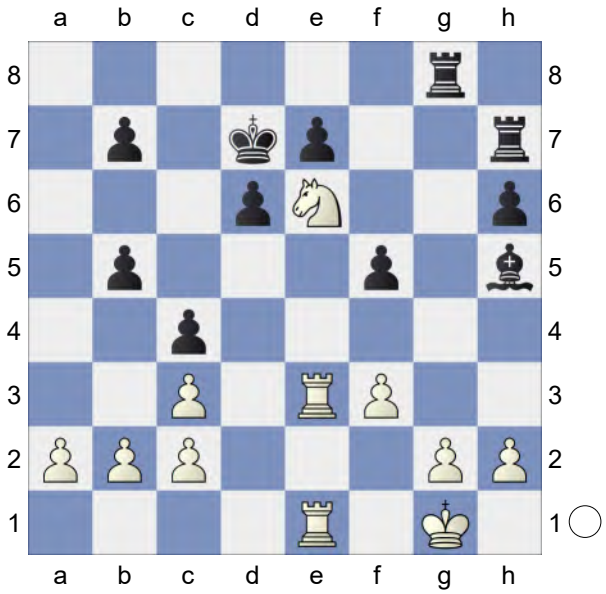
23...axb5 24.Re1 Prevents Be2.

24...Kd7 25.Rd3! c4
[25...b6 1.87/26 25...c4 1.24
A) 26.Nf4! c4 27.Rd5 Bf3 28.Rxf5 e5 29.Rf7+ Kc6 30.Ng6 Bxg2 31.Ne7+ 1.28/20 *(31.Rf6!+- 1.86/26 Bd5 32.Kf1)* 31...Kc5± And now ...Bd5+ would win. 32.Nxg8 Rxg8 33.Rc7+! Kd5 34.f4;
B) 26.Nf4!+- 1.87/26;
C) 26.Rde3 0.59/24 26...Rh7± 27.f3 0.50/22 *(27.h3± 1.14/22 Bh5 28.Nf4)* 27...Bh5± 28.Nf4 Be8 29.Nd5 Rgg7 30.Kf2 0.35/19 *(30.c4± 0.86/21 bxc4 31.Nxb6+ Kc6 32.Nxc4)*]

26.Rde3 Rh7 2.18/22
[26...f4± 1.31/23 27.Nxf4 Discovered Attack e5]



27.f4!+-
[27.f3 0.75/21 27.f4 2.06 Bh5



28.Nf4 0.10/23 *(28.R1e2!± 1.04/21)* 28...Be8= 29.Nd5 Rgg7 30.Nf6+

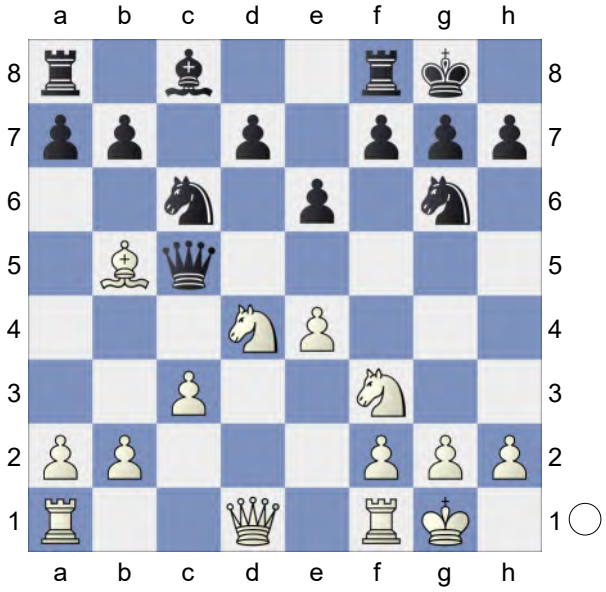
exf6 31.Rxe8]
27...Rc8 2.47/23 Black is weak on the dark squares
[⮌27...Ra8 1.94/21 28.a3 Rc8]
28.Kf2 Rf7? 3.61/23
[28...Bh5 1.87/22 29.Rh3 Bg6]
29.a3 Rh7 3.34/23
[29...Re8 2.17/22 30.Nd4 Rf6 31.Nxb5 Bh5]
30.b4 1.67/23
[30.Nd4 Threatens to win with h3!. Rc5 31.b4 1.37/22 *(31.Kg3+- 3.03/23)* 31...Rd5]
[⮌30.Nd4 3.34/23]
30...cxb3 2.65/23
[30...Ra8 2.88/24 30...Bh5 1.64 31.Nd4 Rxa3? 4.42/22 *(31...Bh5 2.26/21 32.Nxb5 Bg6)* 32.h3+- Bh5 33.Nxf5]
[30...Bh5 1.67/23 31.Nd4 Rg8]
31.cxb3 Ra8 3.03/23
[⮌31...Bh5 2.08/22 32.Nd4 Rc5]
32.b4 Rf7
[32...Rxa3? 8.64/19 ;½-½ Aronian,L (2799)-Anand,V (2783) Saint Louis Blitz 2017 (14) 32...Rf7 1.91 33.Nf8+]
33.Ra1
[Much less strong is 33.h3?! Bh5±]
33...Kc6? 3.83/21
[33...Bh5 1.94/21 keeps fighting. 34.Nd4 Rf6 35.Nxb5 Rc8]
34.Nd4+ Kb6? 5.51/22
[34...Kd5 2.70/19 35.h3 *(35.Nxb5 Kc4+-)* 35...Bh5 36.Nxb5 Kc4]
35.Re6 White is clearly winning.
35...Rc8 36.Rc1
[36.h3 Rxc3 37.hxg4 fxg4 38.Ne2]
[36.Rxh6 Rxc3 37.Re1 Rc4=]
36...Rh8 7.22/21
[⮌36...Rh7 4.70/19 37.h3 Deflection Bh5 38.Nxf5 Rf8]
37.Rce1 Rhh7 38.h3 Bh5 39.R1e5 Kc7 40.Rxb5 Bd1 41.Rxf5 h5
Predecessor: **42.Rxf7 Rxf7 43.f5 Kd7 44.Ke1 Ba4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.54
45.Rh6 Loss on time!?
0-1

132 **B30**
□ **ClingyFat** **2844**
■ **HansNiemannBot** **2855**
Rapid 07.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8

Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.c3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Nd2 Bg5 10.Bxg5 Qxg5 11.N2f3 Qc5**



12.a4 a6 13.Bd3 Rd8 14.Qd2 b6 15.Rfe1 Bb7 16.Bf1 Nge5 17.b4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Qc7 19.a5 b5 20.Rac1 h6 21.h3 Rac8 22.f4 Ng6 23.f5 Ne5 24.Re3 Nc6 25.Nb3! Ne5 26.Rce1 Kh7 27.Qf2 d6 28.Nd4 Qe7 29.Rg3 Rc7 30.Be2 Bc8 31.Rf1 Qf6 32.Bd1 Kh8 33.Bb3 exf5 34.exf5 With the idea Ne2. **34...Re8! 35.Qd2 Bb7 36.Rf4 Rce7 37.Kh2**

[37.Ne6 Rg8 38.Kh2 Nc4 39.Bxc4 bxc4 40.Nd4]

37...d5! The position is equal. **38.Qf2 Nd7 39.Bc2 Bc8 40.Qd2 Ne5 41.Rf1 Nc4 42.Qf4 Re5 43.Bd3 Ne3 44.Rff3 Nc4 45.Rg4 Ne3 46.Rgg3 Nc4 47.Rf1 Ne3 48.Rb1 Nc4**

[48...Nxf5? 49.Bxf5 Rxf5 *(49...Bxf5? loses. 50.Rf1+-)* 50.Nxf5±]

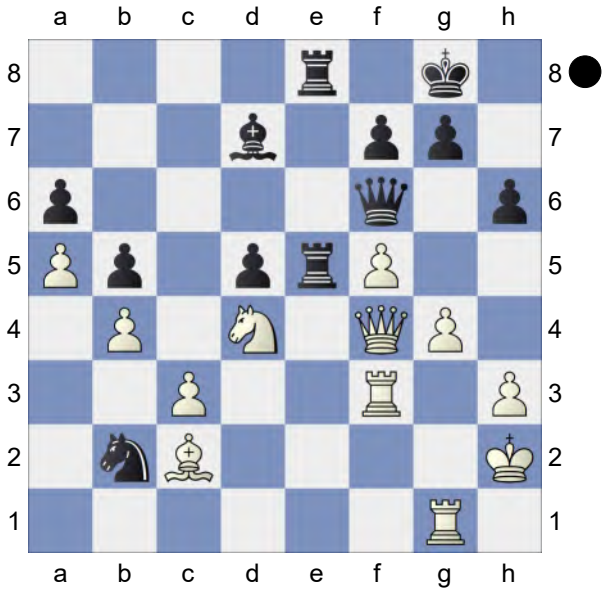
49.Rd1 Nb2 50.Rf1 Nc4 51.Kg1 Kg8 52.Qf2 Bd7 53.Qf4 Bc8 54.Kh2 Kh8 55.Bb1 Kg8 56.Kh1 Re1 57.Kg1 R1e5 58.Bd3 Nd6 59.Kh2 Nc4 60.Kg1 Nd6 61.Kh2 Nc4 62.Rf2 Nd6 63.Bc2 Nc4 64.Bd3

[64.Bb1 Re1 65.Bd3 Kf8 66.Nc2]

64...Nd6 65.Bc2 Nc4 66.Rgf3 Re1 67.Rf1 R1e5 68.Bd3 Bd7 69.R1f2 Nd6

[69...Re1 70.Rg3 Kh8 71.Re2 R1xe2 72.Nxe2 Nd6]

70.g4 Re1 71.Rf1 R1e5 72.Rg1 Nc4 73.Kg3 Nd6 74.Kg2 Active counter play! **74...Nc4 75.Kh2 Nb2 76.Bc2**



and g5 would now be decisive **76...Nc4 77.Bd3 R5e7 78.Rgf1**

[78.g5 feels hotter. hxg5 79.Rxg5 Re3 80.Rxe3 Rxe3 81.Rg3]

78...Rc8 ...Ne5 would now be deadly.

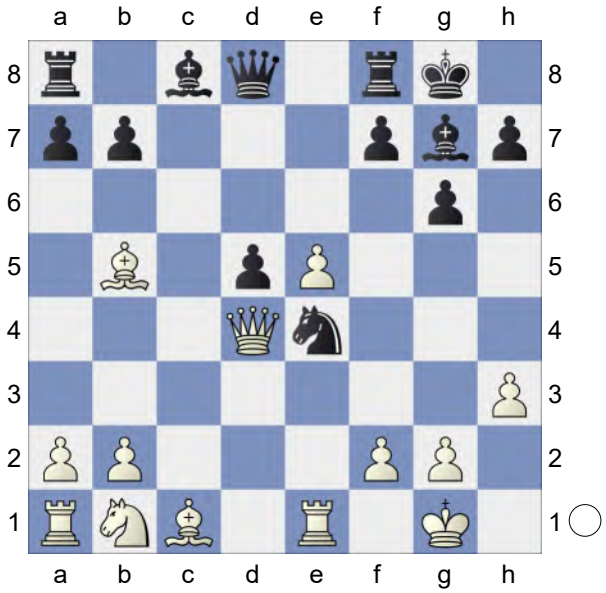
[78...Ne5!? 79.Rg3□ Rc8∓]

79.Rg3 Ne5 80.Qd2 Nc4 81.Qf4 Ne5 82.Qd2 Nc4 83.Qc1 Ne5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) / Black=0.01 (flawless) **84.Qd2**

½-½

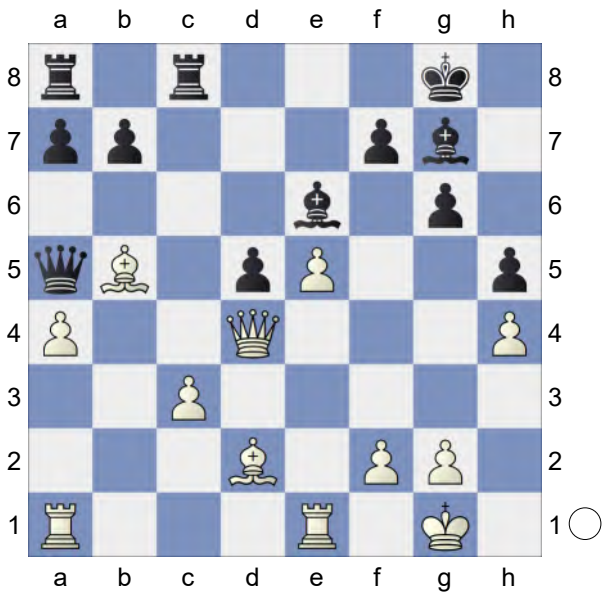
133 **B31**
□ **Grandelius,Nils** **2674**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2747**
FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute (1.3) 08.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.h3 e5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 is recently more successful than 9...exd4. **10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 d5** White is slightly better. **12.e5 Ne4**



Against Bg5 **13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5** Prevents Ba3 **15.a4** Threatens to win with Ba3!.
[Reject 15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qd3 *(16.Qxb7? Rab8-+)* 16...Rfd8∓ *(16...Bxa2? 17.Qe2+-)*]
15...Be6 16.Bd2 Rfc8N
[Predecessor: 16...Qc7 17.Ra3 Rfc8 18.Rb3 Qc5 19.Qf4 Qe7 ...d4! would now be deadly. 20.Rbb1 Rc7 21.Bd3 Re8 22.Qd4 b6 ½-½ Gankin,S (2283)-Petrukhina,I (2059) Izmailov Memorial op 13th 2009 (8)]
17.h4 h5

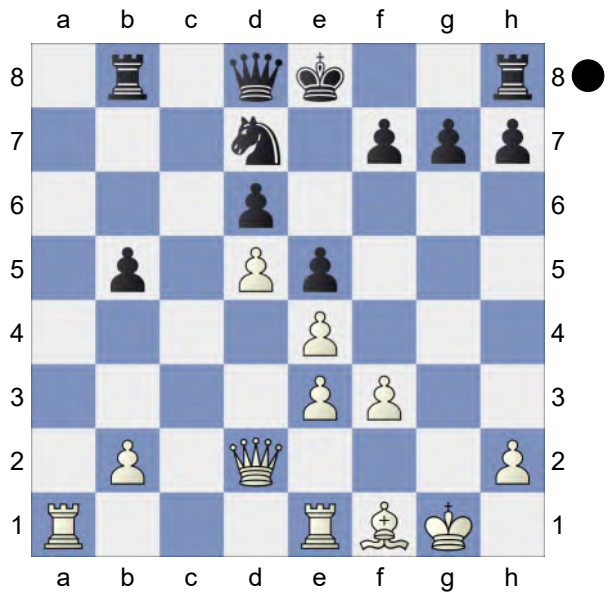
(Diagram)



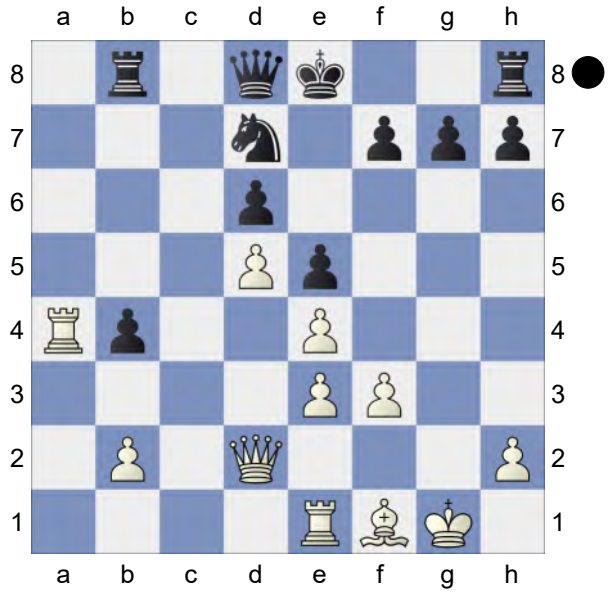
18.c4! Discovered Attack **18...Qb6 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.Bb4** 0.01/24
[21.Bg5± 0.42/24]
21...Bf8= The position is equal. **22.Bd6 Bc6 23.Rac1 Bxb5 24.axb5 Rxc1 25.Rxc1** Endgame KRB-KRB **25...Rd8 26.Rc7** White wants to play Bxf8. **26...Bxd6 27.exd6 Rxd6 28.Rxb7** KR-KR **28...Kg7 29.f3 Kf6 30.Kf2 Rd2+ 31.Kg3 Rd6 32.Kf4 Rd4+ 33.Kg3 Rd6 34.Kf2 Rd2+ 35.Kf1 Ke5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.00 (flawless) **36.g3** ½-½

134 **B51**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2683**
■ **Predke,Alexandr** **2656**
FIDE Grand Swiss (3) 27.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 e5 8.d4! is now more promising than 8.h3. im Vergleich zu 8.h3 vielversprechender. **8...cxd4 9.cxd4 Bg4 10.d5** White is slightly better. **10...Nd4 11.Be3! Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Bd7 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Nc4 b5 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.Nxd7 Nxd7 17.Qd2N**
[Vorgänger: 17.a4 -0.01/23 17.Qd2 0.76 Bg5 18.axb5 axb5 White must now prevent ...Bxe3. 19.Qd2 Bxe3 20.fxe3 -1.58/22 *(20.Qxe3=* -0.09/23 remains equal. *0-0 21.b4)*
(Diagram)



20...b4!∓ 21.Ra4



b3! 22.Ra6 -1.85/22 *(22.Rb4∓ -1.47/24* was called for.) 22...Nc5-+ 23.Rc6 0-1 Liang,J (2527)-Andriasian,Z (2579) Philadelphia op 16th 2023 (7)]

17...0-0 18.Bh3 b4 19.Rac1 White is more active. Black is weak on the light squares **19...Nc5 20.Kh1 Re8 21.b3** 0.35/24

[21.Rc4± 0.79/22]

21...Bf8 22.Bg5 -0.01/22

[22.Rc4± 0.52/24]

22...Be7= 23.Be3 Bf8! 24.Bg5 -0.01/22

[24.Rc4± 0.76/23]

24...Be7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

25.Be3

½-½

135 **B30**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2509**

Titled Tue 24th Jun Early blitz (6)

[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...d6

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+

Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Rc8 9.c4 e6 10.Nc3 Bd7 White is slightly better. **11.Qb3 Qc7 12.Be3 Nf6 13.f3 Be7 14.Rac1 0-0 15.Na4 Bxa4 16.Qxa4 Nd7 17.Qd1 Rfd8 18.Qe2 Bf6 19.b3 Qa5 20.Red1 h5 21.Rc2** -0.04/23

[21.Kh1± 0.35/21]

21...Ne5 0.38/21

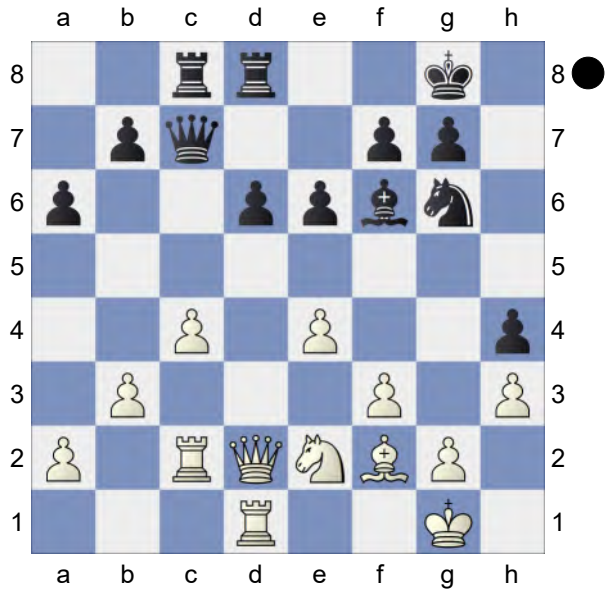
[21...d5!= -0.04/23 should be considered.]

22.Qd2 Qc7 23.h3 h4 24.Bf2 0.11/21

[24.f4± 0.71/20]

24...Ng6= 25.Ne2 -0.31/22

[25.a4± 0.39/21]



25...d5!∓ 26.exd5 exd5 27.c5 -0.98/21

[27.Qc1!= -0.16/23]

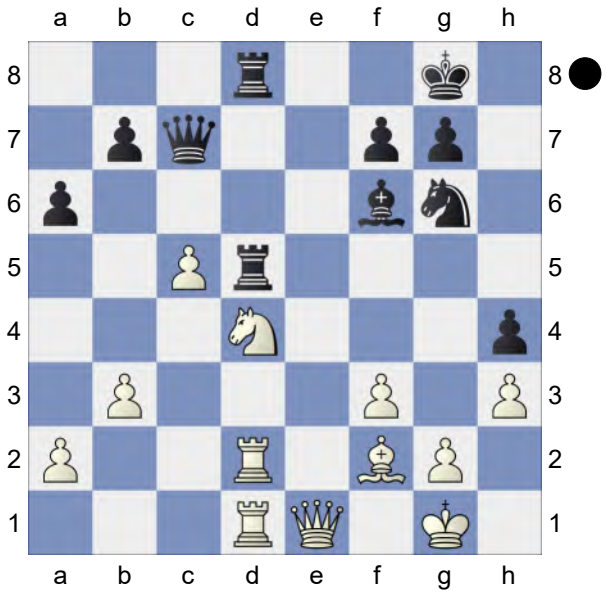
27...d4∓ 28.Nxd4 -1.62/21

[28.Nc1∓ -0.97/22 keeps fighting.]

28...Rd5!-+ White must now prevent ... Rcd8!. **29.Qe1 Rcd8** -1.19/22

[29...Qd7-+ -1.75/25 30.Rcd2 Bg5]

30.Rcd2∓



Nf4 -0.01/23

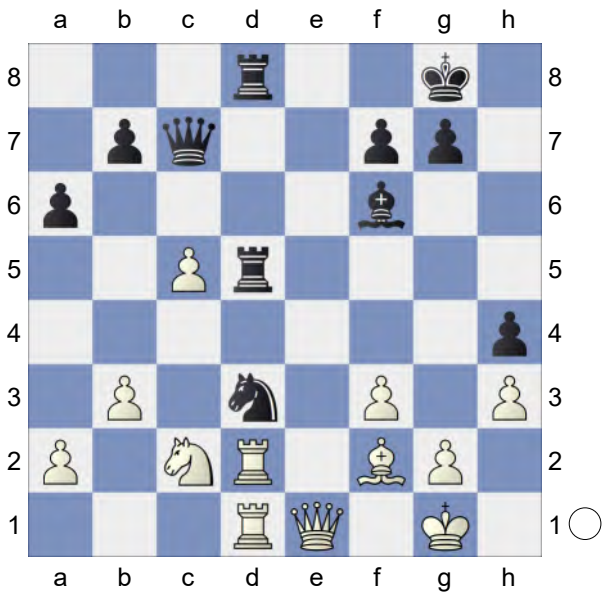
[30...Qxc5? 31.Ne6 Rxd2 *(31...fxe6? 32.Bxc5* Pin *Kf7 33.Rxd5+-)* 32.Rxd2 *(32.Nxc5? Rxd1-+* Pin *)* 32...Rxd2 33.Nxc5+- *(33.Bxc5 Rxa2 34.Bd4 Nf4+-)*]

[30...Bg5!∓ -1.38/24 31.Re2 Qxc5 *(31...Rxc5 32.Re8+ Rxe8 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Qe4∓)*]

31.Nc2 Nd3? 8.68/22

[31...Rxd2∓ -0.35/24 32.Rxd2 Bc3 33.Rxd8+ Discovered Attack Qxd8]

(Diagram)



32.Rxd3!+- Deflection. White is clearly winning. **32...Rxd3 33.Rxd3 Rxd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.40 **34.Qe8+**
1-0

136 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2785**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2718**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (1)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.d3 0-0 11.Nbd2 a5 12.Nc4 b5 13.Nd6 Ba6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rc1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd6 0-1 Mahalakshmi,M (2210)-Klepikov,N (2063) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (3)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer, A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]
5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c4 0-0 11.Nc3
[11.dxc5 Ng4=]
11...cxd4 White is slightly better. **12.Nxd4 Ne5!** is currently scoring better than 12...Bd7. wohl besser als 12...Ld7. **13.h3** Prevents Neg4 **13...Bd7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Na4! Rcd8 17.Qb6 Qc8 18.Qa5 Qb8 19.Nb6N**
[Vorgänger: 19.b4 Be8 20.b5 -0.19/20 *(*White should try *20.Nc3±* 0.63/23 *)* 20...axb5= 21.Nxb5 Nd3 22.Bxd3 Rxd3 23.Rcd1 -0.75/23 *(23.Nb2!=* -0.10/22 *Rd7 24.Bd4)* 23...Rxd1∓ 24.Rxd1 Bc6 -0.09/22 *(24...Qe5∓* -0.49/22 *)* 25.Na7 ½-½ (52) Giri,A (2764)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2676) chess24.com INT 2022]
19...Bc6 20.Rcd1 Be4 21.Bg5 -1.15/26
[21.b4= 0.20/21]

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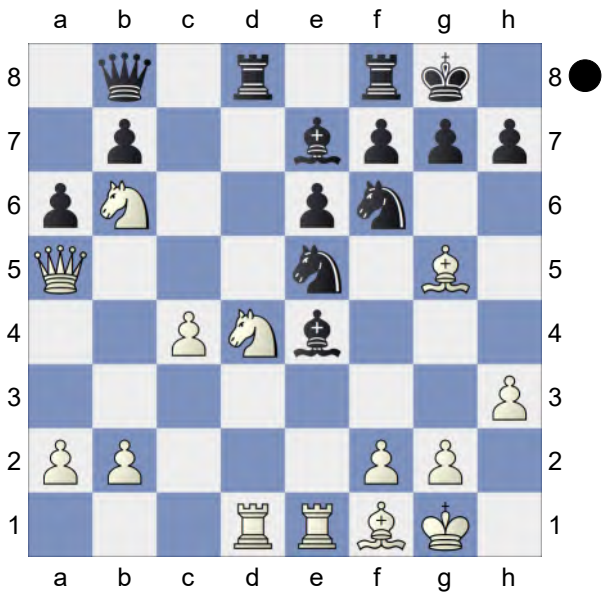
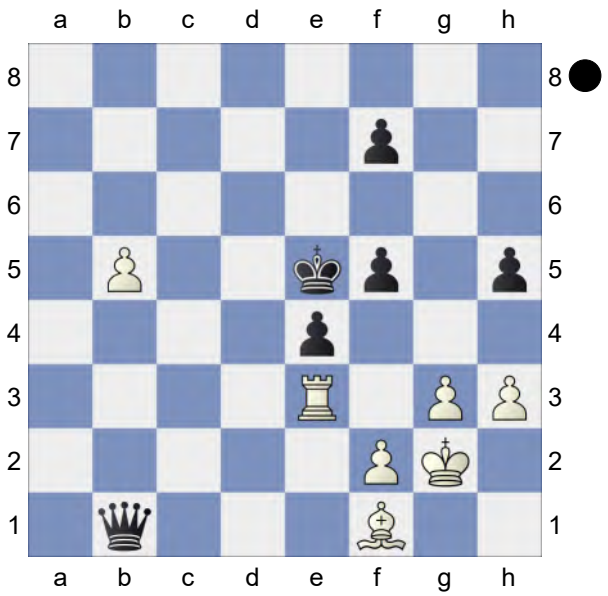
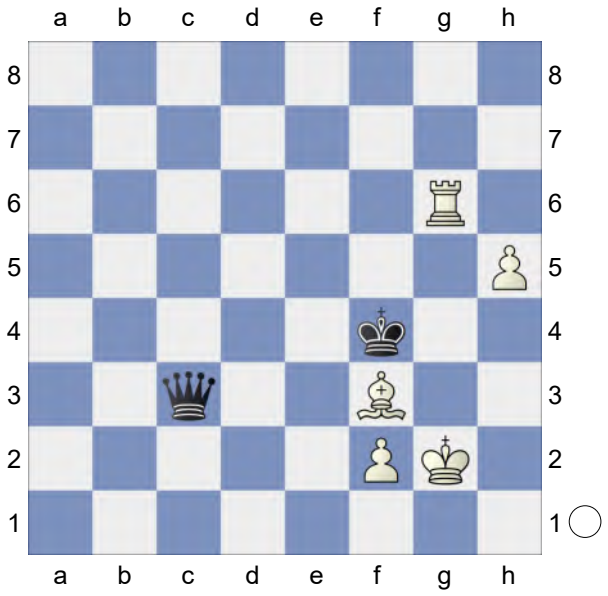


21...Rxd4!∓ Remove Defender, Decoy **22.Rxd4 Nc6! 23.Qd2 Bb4 24.Bxf6?** -4.79/26 **Bxd2-+ 25.Rxd2 gxf6 26.Rxe4 Ne5** -1.43/23
[26...Rd8-+ -3.58/24 27.Nd7 Qc8 28.Nxf6+ Kh8 *(28...Kg7 29.Rxd8 Qxd8 30.Nh5+ Kf8 31.Ng3-+)*]
27.c5? -3.04/25
[27.Nd7∓ -1.43/23 Qd8 28.Red4 Nxd7 29.Rxd7]
27...Rd8 28.Red4 Rxd4 29.Rxd4 Qc7 30.b4 Nc6 31.Rd7 Qf4 -1.76/23
[⌓31...Qe5 -3.50/22 32.Nc4 Qe1 33.Rxb7 Nd4 *(33...Nxb4 34.Rd7∓)*]
32.a3 -3.23/23
[⌓32.Nc4 -1.76/23]
32...Nd4 33.Nc4 Dodges Qd2 **33...e5?** -0.01/21
[33...f5!-+ -2.29/22 34.g3 Nf3+ 35.Kg2 Ne1+ 36.Kg1 Qf3 *(36...Nf3+ 37.Kg2∓)* 37.Rd8+ Kg7]
34.Rxb7? -4.48/23
[34.Ne3!= -0.01/21 and White stays safe.]
34...Qc1 (→ ...Ne2+) **35.Ne3 Qe1?** -0.27/21
[35...f5!-+ -4.21/22 36.g4 f4 *(36...Qxa3 37.Nxf5 Nxf5 38.gxf5=)*]
36.c6= Deflection **36...Nxc6 37.Nf5 h5 38.Rd7?** -2.33/26
[38.Rb6!∓ -0.38/25 Nd4 39.Rb8+ Kh7 40.Nxd4 exd4 41.Rd8]
38...Qb1? -0.16/27
[38...e4-+ -2.33/26 And now ...Ne5 would win. 39.Nh6+ Kh7 40.Nxf7 Kg6 41.Nh8+ Kf5]
39.Rd6
[39.Nh6+ Kg7 40.Nxf7 Kg6 41.Nh8+ Kf5-+]
39...Nxb4 40.axb4 Qxf5 41.Rxa6 Endgame KQ-KRB **41...Kg7 42.Ra1** -1.26/27 Repels Qb1
[42.b5∓ -0.32/27]
42...Qc2 -0.74/23
[Better is 42...Qe4 -1.26/27 43.b5 f5]
43.b5∓ Qb2 44.Re1 -2.35/25
[44.Rd1∓ -0.74/25]
44...f5!-+ 45.g3? -4.09/25
[45.Rd1 -1.99/22 might work better.]
45...Kf6? -0.51/28
[45...h4!-+ -4.09/25 46.gxh4 e4]
46.Re3 -1.85/26
[46.h4!∓ -0.51/28]
46...e4 -0.59/25
[46...h4!-+ -1.85/26 47.g4 f4]
47.Re2 -1.78/26
[47.h4!∓ -0.59/25]
47...Qb1
[47...Qxb5 48.Rxe4=]
48.Re3? -5.50/26
[48.h4 -1.62/25]
48...Ke5? -1.50/22
[48...h4-+ -5.50/26 is more deadly. 49.g4 f4]
49.Kg2? -4.94/23
[49.h4∓ -1.50/22 was the crucial defense.]

(Diagram)



49...Kd4? -0.50/24
[49...h4!-+ -4.94/23 50.gxh4 f4]
50.h4!∓ Qb4 51.Be2 Ke5 -0.04/26
[51...Qc5∓ -0.41/23]
52.Bxh5= Qxb5 53.Bxf7 f4 54.gxf4+ Kxf4 55.Bg6 Ke5 56.Bxe4 Kf6 57.Bf3 Qc4 58.Re4 Qd3 59.Rg4 Qd2 60.h5 Qc1 61.Rg6+ Kf5 62.Bg4+ Kf4 63.Bf3 Qc3? 9.46/27
[63...Kf5= 0.01/28]



Prevents h6 **64.Rg4+!+- Kf5 65.Rg3?** 0.01/24
[65.h6+- 9.42/25 aiming for h7. Qf6 66.h7]
65...Qd4= The position is equal. **66.h6 Qh4 67.Rh3 Qg5+ 68.Kh1 Qc1+ 69.Kh2 Qf4+ 70.Kg2 Qg5+ 71.Kf1**
[71.Kh1!? Qc1+□ 72.Kg2 Qg5+=]
71...Qc1+ 72.Ke2 Qc2+ 73.Ke1 Qc3+ 74.Kf1 White threatens Be4+! and mate.
74...Qc1+ 75.Kg2 What a fight!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.67 **75...Qg5+**
½-½

137 **B31**
□ **Anton Guijarro,David** **2653**
■ **Fedoseev,Vladimir** **2691**
38th ECC Open 2023 (7.1) 07.10.2023
[Daniel Fernandez,TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)*
11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7

17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 Not the most usual order. Black delays ...Bg7 and then also delays ...0-0. It's instructive to see what difference this makes. **6.0-0 Bg7 7.a4 a5**

[White hasn't felt the need for h3 yet, since 7...Bg4 0.82/18 7...a5 0.45 can be met by 8.Nbd2 and Black's position is rather uncomfortable, e.g. Nf6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Nxf3 Nd7 11.a5 e5 12.Be3±]

8.Na3 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.h3** A bit of a luxury, though of course also the most normal thing in the world.

[9.Qe1!? is also possible, trying to economise on h3 by pre-empting the ...Bg4 pin. There are, however, two other uses of the move:

A) 9...Bg4?! 10.Nh4 *(My first thought was rerouteing to try and hit the a5-pawn, but 10.Nd2 0.24/21 10.Nh4 0.64 e5 11.Nb3 b6 12.f4* runs into the accurate *Be6!=* and White doesn't have time for Nc4. *)* 10...0-0 11.f4 Bd7 12.f5→;

B) 9...0-0 10.Bd2 b6 Otherwise Nc4 comes with tempo. However, here some other points of Qe1 come into play, specifically the fact that it supports Bc3 as well as the e4-pawn. 11.Nc4 Be6 12.Bc3! I was a little surprised to see White should play like this, but even more surprised by the continuation... Bxc4 13.dxc4 Qf4! (otherwise e5 is even more damaging) 14.e5 Ne4 15.Qe2!± Inviting Black to triple the c-pawns, as this will get rid of their most active piece while also giving White the half- open b-file in perpetuity.]

9...Nd7

[The more flexible 9...0-0 has been tried on a few occasions and seems to give equality.

A) It's important to note that 10.e5 isn't worrying. The position of Black's queen on c7 hinders the usual ideas of ...Nc7-e6, but setups like the one after Nd5 11.Re1 h6 12.Bd2 b6 13.Nc4 Kh7= are nevertheless fine as Black has other plans, like ...g5.;

B) 10.Be3 b6

B1) 11.c3 Rd8 12.Qc2 Ba6 13.Rfd1 e5= Nordenbaek,J-Karlsson,R Ballerup 2014;

B2) 11.Qd2 Nh5! usually we see this idea only after ...e5, but here it quite concretely gains tempo against b2 and may cue up ...f5. Prevents Bf4. *(11...e5 12.Nc4 Re8 13.b3⇄; 11...Nd7 12.Bf4 e5! 13.Bh6* should give White some edge, e.g. *Ba6 14.b3 Rae8 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nh2±)*

B2a) 12.Nc4 Be6 13.g4 Rad8∞ *(13...b5!?)*;

B2b) 12.e5 Black should prevent g4 . 12...Be6 Threatening ...Bd5, so the move doesn't do nothing about g4. White should accept the piece sacrifice, but after 13.g4

Qd7 And now ...Bxg4! would win. 14.gxh5 Bxh3 15.Nh2! Dodges Qg4+. Threatens to win with Rfe1. Bxe5 16.Rfb1 f6∞ it is not clear that they are better. Black wants ...g5.;

B3) 11.Qc1 e5 12.Nc4 Nh5 *(12...Re8!?* is more circumspect to cut out White's next move.*)* 13.b4∞ Black went on to win in Lagarde,M-Edouard,R Albi 2022, but for now there are certainly concerns about the queenside.;

C) 10.Re1 Nd7;

D) 10.Bd2 e5 11.Nc4 Nh5 12.Qc1 Be6 13.Bh6 Bxc4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.dxc4 Nf4= 1/2-1/2 (29) Xiong,J (2672)-Giri,A (2783) Chess.com INT 2019]

[9...e5 10.Be3 b6 11.Nc4 Nd7 Here in Verma,A-Finn,P London 2023 White again misplaced their advantage by continuing with c3, while 12.Qc1 h6 13.Nfd2 0-0! 14.f4± would have kept it.]

10.c3

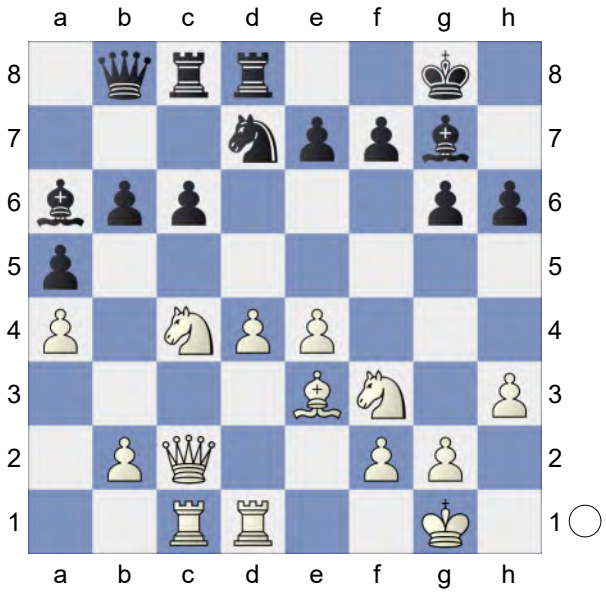
[If White tries to bind the queenside rather than break it, there seems to be a small advantage, e.g. 10.Rb1 0-0 11.b3 *(There are other possibilities, like 11.Bg5 e5 12.Qd2±)* 11...e5 12.Qe1 b6 13.Nh2 Ba6! 14.Nc4 Rfe8 15.f4± with a comfortable game for White in Korn,C-Del Vasto,C email 2021]

10...b6 11.Be3 Ba6= 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rfd1 Rfd8 Not the most active in terms of the counterplay Black can get, but not bad at all.

[13...e5 is stylistically more appealing, and if 14.Nc4 then f5 trying to gain space.]

14.d4 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rac8 Black's position is solid and Fedoseev goes for an approach of systematically preparing ...c5. **16.Rac1 Qb8 17.Nc4 h6** 0.83/19

[17...c5± 0.31/21 18.dxc5 Bxc4 *(18...Nxc5 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Nxb6±)* 19.Qxc4 Nxc5]



18.Qb3 0.17/22 White is more active.

[18.b3!± 0.83/19]

18...e6! 19.e5 Bxc4 20.Rxc4 c5 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Qxb8 Rxb8 23.Rc2

[The computer suggests the subtle 23.Kf1 but even this shouldn't give White much.]

[23.Bxc5 Nxe5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Nxe5 Bxe5∓]

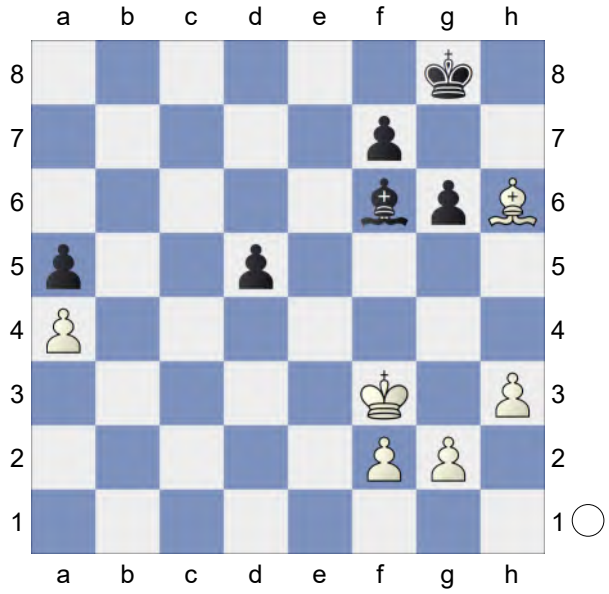
23...Nxe5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxc5 Rd1+ 26.Kh2 Black cannot hold the game after this. **26...Rd5** 2.35/30 It isn't clear whether this was an attempt to play for a win.

[The natural 26...Nxf3+ 27.gxf3 Bxb2 28.Rxa5 Bd4= sees Black obtain an extremely comfortable draw.]

[26...Nxf3+= -0.01/28 and Black stays safe. 27.gxf3 Bxb2]

27.Rxd5+- Nxf3+ 2.88/36 After this

Black is certainly lost.
[27...exd5 28.Nxe5 Bxe5+ 29.Kg1 also does not inspire confidence, because Black has two systemically weak pawns and one that is temporarily attacked on h6 as well. Bxb2 30.Bd2!±]
[⌓27...exd5 1.74/36 28.Nxe5 Bxe5+ 29.Kg1 Bxb2]
28.Kg3!
[28.gxf3?? 0.01/23 28.Kg3 3.01 exd5 29.Bd2 Bxb2 30.Bxa5 Kf8!=]
28...exd5 29.Kxf3 Bxb2 30.Bxh6 Endgame KB-KB **30...Bf6?** 6.59/28
[30...Be5 2.74/28 31.Ke2 f5]

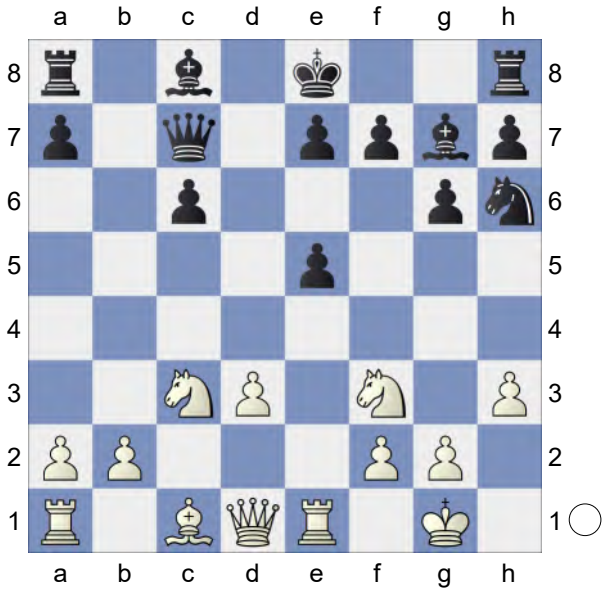


31.Ke3 White is clearly winning.
31...Be7 32.Kd4 g5 33.f4
[33.Kxd5? Kh7 34.Bxg5 Bxg5-+]
33...f6 34.h4 gxh4 35.f5
[35.Kxd5? perishes. Kh7 36.Ke6 Bb4-+]
35...Bb4 36.Kxd5 Kf7 37.Be3 Be1 38.Kd6 Bb4+ 39.Kd7 Be1 40.Bd4 Bb4 41.Bf2 h3 42.gxh3 Bc3 43.Kc6 Kg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.48 **44.Be3**
1-0

138 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz (2.28)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Qc7!? is now more promising than 6...e5. A promising side line. im Vergleich zu 6...

e5 vielversprechender. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[6...Nh6]
7.h3 d6 8.e5N dxe5 The position is equal. **9.d3 c4 10.Nc3**
[10.Qe2 cxd3 11.cxd3 Nf6 12.Nxe5 0-0 13.Nc3 c5 14.Bf4 Qb7!]
[10.dxc4 f5∓]
10...cxd3
[10...Be6 11.Qe2 cxd3 12.cxd3]
11.cxd3 Nh6 0.44/23
[11...Bf5 12.Qe2 Rd8 0.88/22 *(12...Nf6= 0.22/22)* 13.Nxe5± f6 14.Nf3 Bxd3 15.Qe6]
[11...Be6 12.Qe2 *(12.Qa4 Nf6 13.Nxe5 Rc8 14.Bf4 Qb7! 15.Qa3 0-0 16.Na4 Qa6)* 12...Nf6 13.Nxe5
A) 13...Nd5 0.43/25 13...0-0 0.06 14.Na4 -0.05/26 *(14.Nxd5± 0.43/25 cxd5 15.Nf3)* 14...Bxe5= 15.Qxe5 Qxe5 16.Rxe5 Bf5;
B) 13...0-0 14.Bf4 Qb7]
[11...Be6= 0.06/22]



12.Nxe5!± Deflection **12...Nf5 13.Bf4 Qb7**
[13...f6? 14.Nxg6 e5 15.Nxh8+-]
14.Na4 Excellent horsemanship. **14...f6** 0.99/23
[14...Be6± 0.31/22]
15.Nf3± 0-0 1.28/23
[⌓15...g5 0.78/21]
16.d4 0.87/21
[⌓16.Nc5 1.28/23 Qxb2 17.Qa4]
16...g5 1.31/22
[Black should play 16...Rd8 0.87/21]
17.Bh2 0.52/23
[17.Nc5 Qb6 *(17...Qxb2?* 3.74/23 17...Qb6 1.07 *18.Bc7)* 18.Bd2
A) 18...Qxb2 1.66/26 18...Rf7 0.99 19.d5 1.25/23 (Better is *19.Qa4*+- 1.66/26 *Qb5 20.Qc2)* 19...cxd5? 2.90/25 *(19...Qb5±* 1.25/23 is a better defense. *20.Rc1 cxd5)* 20.Bc3+- Qxc3 21.Rc1;
B) 18...Rf7± 0.99/22;
C) 18...Nxd4 1.94/24 19.b4!+- Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 e5 21.Rac1]
[17.Nc5± 1.31/22 Qb6 18.g4]
17...h5± 18.Re4 Qd7 19.Qc2 0.35/22
[19.Qe2± 0.75/21]
19...Rf7 20.Rae1 Bf8 21.Qe2 Qd5 22.Nc3 Qd7 0.96/21
[22...Qa5± 0.39/19]
23.Qc4 0.18/20
[23.Nxg5 fxg5 24.Qxh5 Be5 is the strong threat.
A) 24...Nd6? 2.85/24 24...Ng7 0.35

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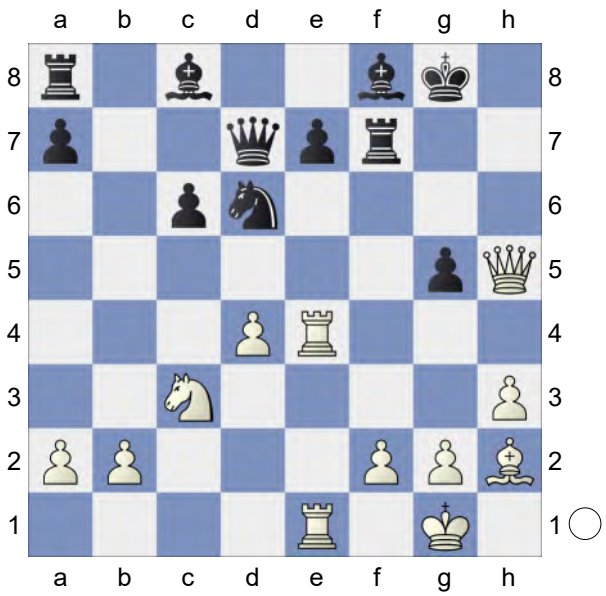


25.Re6! Nc4? 6.01/20 Against Be5 *(25...Rh7 1.87/20 26.Rg6+ Bg7 27.Qxg5 Nf7)* 26.Rg6++- Bg7 27.Bg3;

B) 24...Ng7! 0-1 (35) Bareev,E (2643)-Bocharov,D (2519) Cheliabinsk 2019 25.Qxg5]

[23.Nxg5!± 0.96/21 fxg5 24.Qxh5]

23...Qb7 24.b4 -0.08/24

[24.Na4!± 0.41/20]

24...e6 25.Rb1 Qd7 26.Rbe1 Qb7 27.Rb1 Qd7 28.a3 -0.55/21

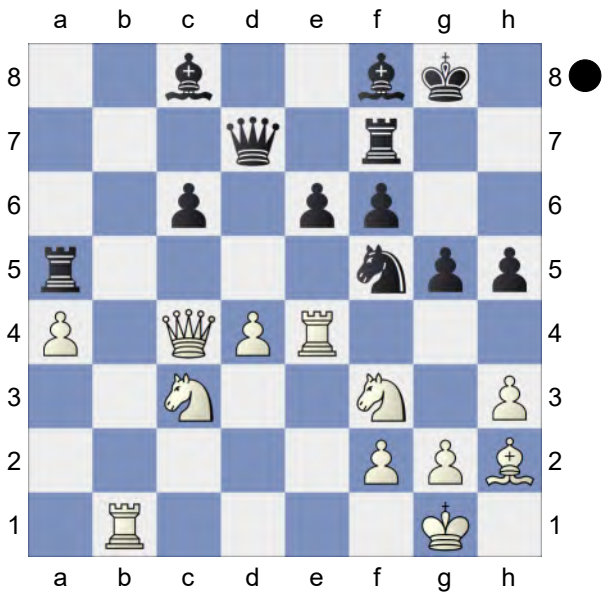
[28.Rbe1]

[28.Rbe1= 0.01/23]

28...a5∓ 29.Na4

[29.bxa5 -0.77/23 29.Na4 -0.41 Rxa5 ...Ba6! would now be deadly. 30.a4 -1.13/24 *(30.Rb8∓* -0.69/21 is superior. *)*

(Diagram)



30...Ba6!∓ 31.Qxe6 Bd3]

29...Qd8 Prevents Nb6 **30.bxa5 Rxa5** This costs White the game. **31.Nc5?** -3.12/21

[Vorgänger: 31.Qc2! Rb5]

[31.Qxc6 Qd5 *(31...Bxa3 32.Rb8±)* 32.Qxd5 exd5∓]

[31.Qc2!∓ -0.41/22]

31...Qd5-+

[Less strong is 31...Rxa3 32.Nxe6 Qd5 33.Qxd5 cxd5 34.Ree1 Bxe6 35.Rxe6∓]

32.Qe2 Rxa3 33.Rd1 -3.43/20

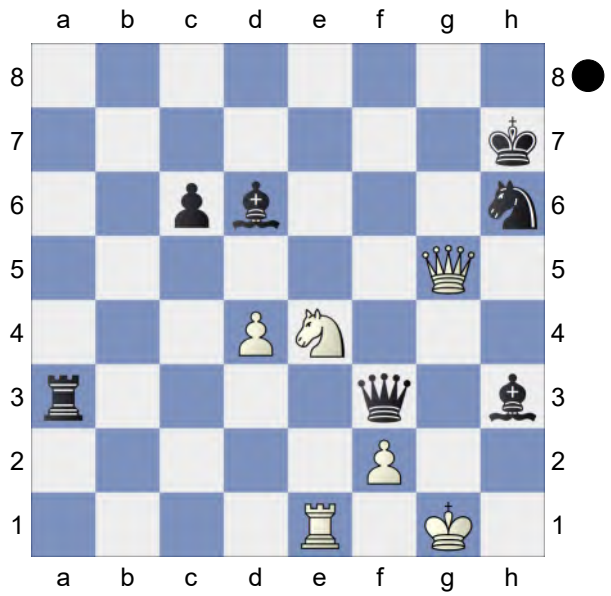
[⌓33.Qe1 -2.34/18]

33...Rfa7 34.g4? -6.86/21

[34.Qe1 -2.97/19 e5 35.Nxe5]

34...hxg4 35.hxg4 Nh6 36.Bg3 e5 37.Nxe5 fxe5 38.Rxe5 Bxg4 39.Qd2 Qf3 (→ ...Bh3) **40.Rxg5+ Rg7** (→ ...Bh3!) **41.Re1 Bh3 42.Bd6 Bxd6 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7** Black mates. **44.Qg5+ Kh7 45.Ne4**

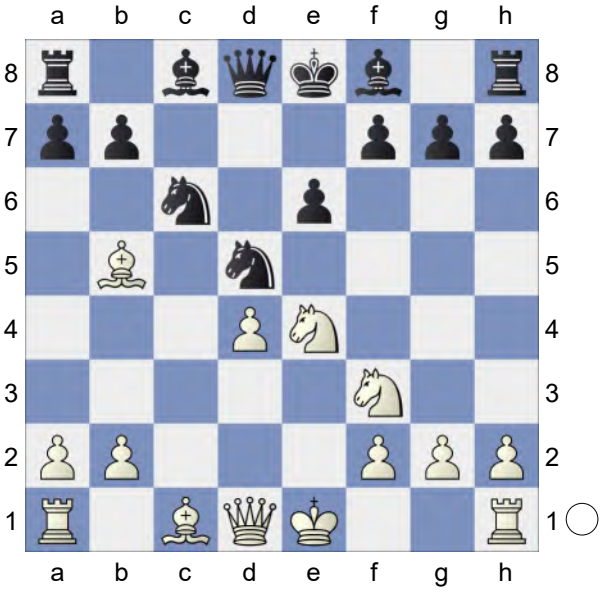
(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/ Black=0.15 (very precise) **45...Qxe4!!**
0-1

139 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2766**
chess.com SpeedChess 2022 blitz (2.25)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.c3 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.Nc3N**
[7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2) 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 34.Ne5 a4 35.Nc4 Be7 36.Be5+ f6 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]
7...dxe4 8.Nxe4 White is slightly better.
8...Nd5



and ...Qa5+ would now be decisive **9.0-0 Bd7 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bd2** White is more active. **11...Be7 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nc3 Ncb4** 0.78/22
[13...Be8± 0.38/21 is superior.]
14.Bc4± Rc8 15.Qb3 Kh8 1.35/22
[Better is 15...Nxc3!± 0.50/22 16.bxc3 *(16.Bxe6+ Bxe6 17.Qxe6+ Rf7∓)* 16...Nc2]
16.Nxd5 0.10/25
[16.Bxd5± 1.35/22 exd5 17.a3 *(17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Bc6±)*]
This costs Black the game. **16...Nxd5** 1.74/25
[16...exd5= 0.10/25 17.Rxe7 *(17.Bxb4 dxc4 18.Bxe7* Discovered Attack *cxb3=; 17.Bxd5 Nc2∓)* 17...Qxe7 18.Bxb4 dxc4 19.Bxe7 cxb3 20.Bxf8 Rxf8]
17.Bxd5+- exd5

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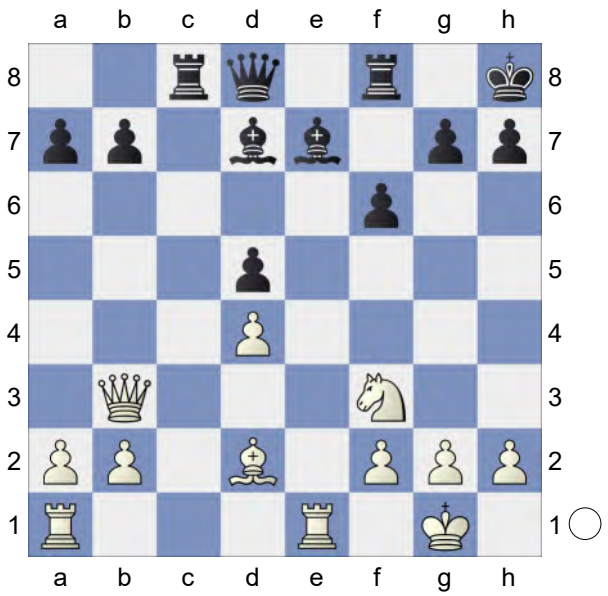


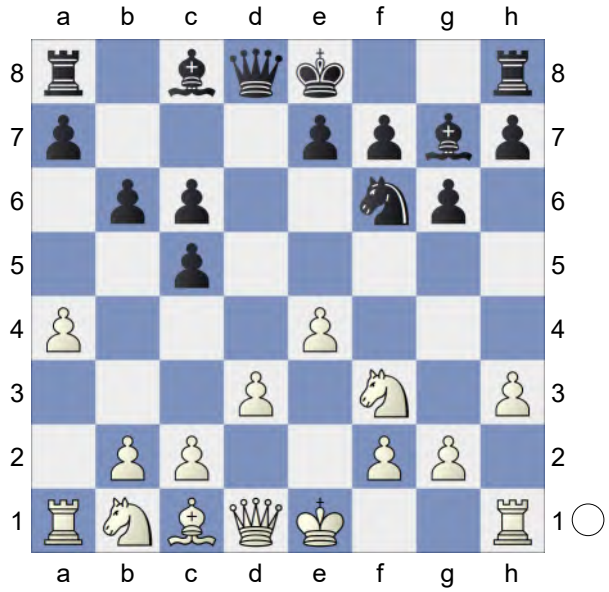
18.Rxe7! Qxe7 19.Bb4!
[19.Qxd5 Bc6 20.Qf5 Qd7 21.Qxd7 Bxd7∓]
19...Qe4 2.38/27
[19...Qf7± 1.47/23]
20.Re1 Qf4 3.56/25
[⌓20...Qg6 2.19/24]
21.Bxf8 Discovered Attack **21...Rxf8**
22.Qxb7
[22.Qxd5 Qc7 23.Qc5 Qxc5 24.dxc5 a5±]
22...Bg4 23.Qxd5 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 2.31/25
[⌓24.gxf3 3.88/24 Qd2 25.Re4]
24...Qxd4 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **25.b3→** White has strong attack. **25...h6 26.g3 Rc8 27.Kg2 Qd7** 3.44/23
[27...Qd2 2.28/23 was worth a try. 28.Re2 Qd7]
28.Rd1 Qe7 29.Rd4 a5 30.Rd5 1.73/23
[⌓30.h4 3.35/23]
30...Qc7? 4.83/26
[30...Rc5 1.73/23 is more resistant. 31.Rd4 Re5]
31.h4 Re8 32.h5 Rb8 5.14/27
[⌓32...Re5 3.48/28 33.a3 Rxd5 34.Qxd5 Qe7]
33.a4 Qf7 34.Rxa5 Qxb3 35.Qe4 Qg8 36.Rb5 Re8 37.Qd5 Qf8? 8.39/27
[37...Qxd5+ 3.63/26 38.Rxd5 Re2]
38.a5 White is clearly winning. **38...Re5 39.Qb7 Re7 40.Qf3 Qe8 41.Rb7 Re5 42.a6** Black must now prevent a7. **42...Ra5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.64 **43.a7**
1-0

140 **B31**
□ **Sjugirov,Sanan** **2712**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2747**
Krasnogorsk Blitz (15) 30.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz

Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.a4 b6!?



An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8.a5! Be6N**

[Vorgänger: 8...Ba6 9.axb6 axb6 10.Be3 -0.17/23 *(10.0-0± 0.65/20)* 10...c4= 11.Ra3 0-0 12.0-0 c5 13.Re1 cxd3 14.cxd3 Qd7 1-0 (72) Turski,B (2380)-Cajbel,M (2196) Jastrzebia Gora 2022]

9.0-0 White is better. **9...0-0 10.Nc3 h6 11.Be3 Nd7** 1.21/19

[11...Kh7 0.76/19]

12.Nd2± f5 13.f4 Kh7 14.Nf3 Qc7 1.35/18

[⌓14...c4 0.98/19]

15.e5 0.81/18

[⌓15.Qe1 1.35/18]

15...Rfd8 1.51/19

[Black should play 15...c4 0.81/18]

16.Qe1 Nf8 17.Qh4 Kg8 18.Rfd1 1.08/19

[18.Qf2 1.54/20]

18...Rab8 19.d4 0.14/24

[19.Qf2± 1.20/18]

19...cxd4 20.Nxd4 Bf7 21.axb6 axb6 22.Qf2 Kh7 23.Ra6 -0.43/22

[White should play 23.Qf3± 0.33/20]

23...c5∓ 24.Nf3 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Qb7 26.Ra1 Ne6 27.Nc3 Be8 28.h4 Bc6 29.h5 -0.83/23 **gxh5** 0.01/22

[29...g5!∓ -0.83/23 30.fxg5 f4 31.g6+ Kh8 *(31...Kg8 32.Bd2=)*]

30.Nh4 Qg3! would now be deadly.

30...Rg8! 31.Ne2 -1.30/23

[31.Nxf5? Bxe5 32.g3 *(32.fxe5? Rxg2+-+)* 32...Bf6-+]

[31.Qe2= 0.01/22 remains equal. Nc7 32.Qxh5 *(32.Nxf5 Bxe5 33.Qxh5 Rxg2+ 34.Kf1 Bg7∓)*]

31...Bh8 -0.01/19

[31...Bf8!∓ -1.30/23 aiming for ...Rg4. 32.g3 Qd7]

32.Ng3!= Rg4⇄ Black has counterplay

[32...Ng7 33.b4±]

33.Ngxf5

[33.Nhxf5? Ng7 34.Nxh6 *(34.Nxg7? Bxg7 35.c3 h4-+)* 34...Kxh6-+]

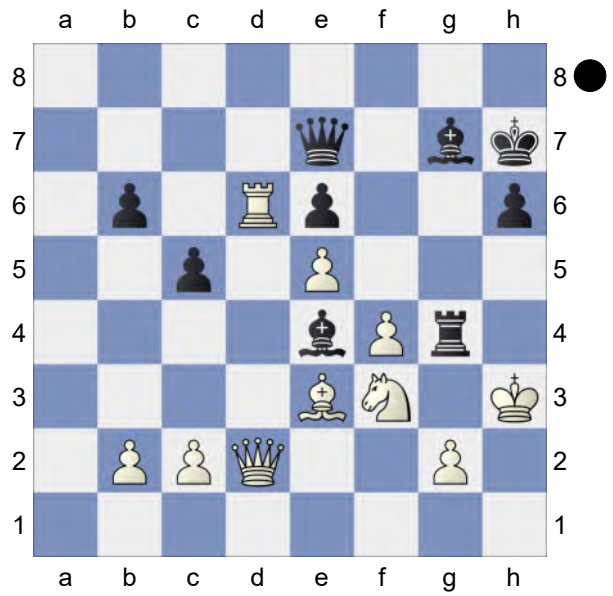
33...Be4 34.Rd1 Ng7 35.Nxg7 Bxg7 36.Kh2 e6 37.Rd6 Qe7 -0.01/22 Black is more active.

[37...Bf8!∓ -1.06/23 38.Rd2 *(38.Rxe6 Be7∓)* 38...Qf7]

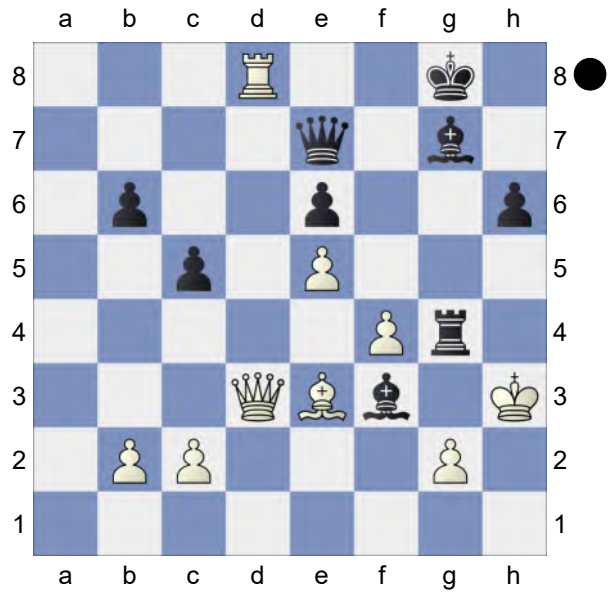
38.Nf3 h4 39.Qd2 h3 40.Kxh3 -8.25/22

[40.Rd7= 0.01/26 Rxg2+ 41.Qxg2 Qxd7 42.Ng5+ hxg5 43.Qxe4+ Kg8 44.fxg5]

(Diagram)



40...Bxf3!-+ A strong pair of Bishops. Black is clearly winning. **41.Qd3+ Kg8 42.Rd8+**



Bf8!

[Don't blunder 42...Kf7? 43.Rd7 *(43.gxf3? Qh4#)* 43...Rxg2 *(43...Bxg2+? loses. 44.Kxg4 Bd5 45.Rxe7++-; 43...Rh4+? 44.Kg3+-)* 44.Rxe7+ Kxe7 45.Qd6+ Kf7 46.f5 *(46.Qxb6 Re2+-; 46.Qd7+ Kg8+-)* 46...Bg4+ 47.Kxg2+-]

Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.20 (precise)

43.Bf2 Inhibits Qh4+.

0-1

141 **B51**

☐	**Caruana,Fabiano**	**2766**
■	**Giri,Anish**	**2764**

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[TA]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...d6

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

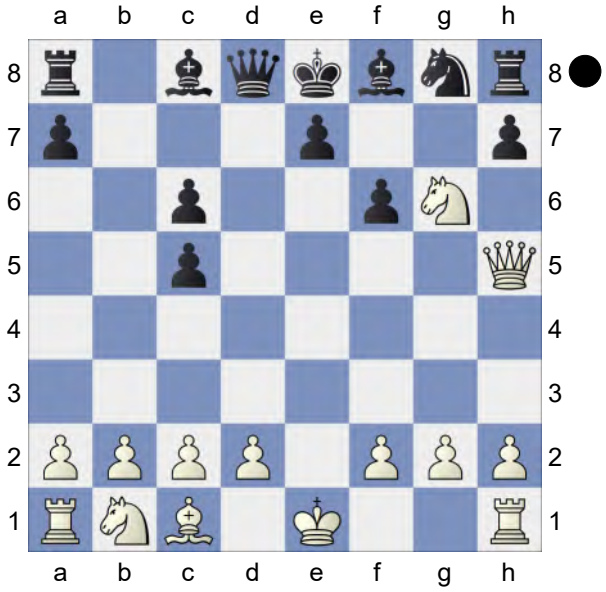
4.Bxc6+N

[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578)

Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...bxc6 5.e5 dxe5 6.Nxe5 f6? 3.21/21
[6...Qd5= -0.01/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 7.Nf3 Qe6+ 8.Qe2 Nh6]

7.Qh5++- g6 8.Nxg6

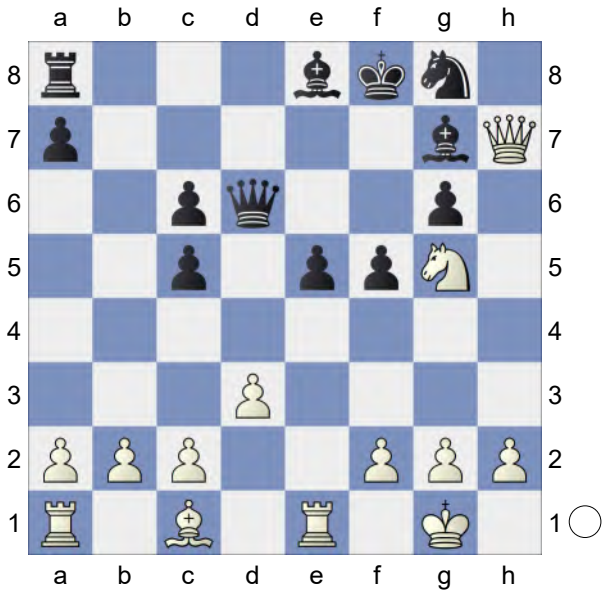


Discovered Attack. White has a decisive advantage. **8...hxg6 9.Qxh8 Qd5 10.0-0 Kf7 11.Nc3 Qd4 12.d3** White is clearly winning. **12...Bg7 13.Qh7 f5 14.Ne2 Qd6** 6.43/20
[⌓14...Qg4 4.49/22 15.f3 Qh5 16.Qxh5 gxh5]

15.Nf4 Bd7 16.Nh3 Be8 17.Ng5+ Kf8 18.Re1 Threatens to win with Ne6+.

18...e5

(Diagram)



19.Bf4! Bf6
[19...Nf6 20.Bxe5]

20.Qb7 Bxg5 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=1.11 **21.Bxe5** An unexpected result.

½-½

142 **B31**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**
MrDodgy Online Inv Finals 3rd blitz (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4

d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxe7 outshines the older 8. Be3. erfolgreicher als das alte 8.Le3. **8...Nxe7 9.Nc3** The position is equal. **9...0-0 10.Bc4 d6 11.Nd5 Nc6 12.c3 Kh7N**

[Vorgänger: 12...Be6 13.a3 a6 14.b4 b5 15.Bb3 Rc8 16.Rc1 -0.35/20 *(16.Ne3=* 0.01/20 *)* 16...Ne7 0.04/22 *(16...a5∓* -0.35/20 *)* 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 0-1 (32) Zabrodsky,Z (1750)-Vacek,F (1800) Czechia 2003]

13.a4 Be6 14.h3 Rc8 15.Ne3 Excellent horsemanship. **15...Bd7** 0.43/20

[15...h5= 0.00/20]

16.Bd5 0.01/18

[16.h4± 0.43/20]

16...Qe7 17.a5

[17.h4 feels hotter. h5 18.Ng5+ Kg8 19.Nf5]

17...Rb8 18.Qd2 Nd8 0.69/20

[18...h5= 0.16/20]

19.Bc4 0.21/20

[19.Reb1± 0.69/20 might be stronger.]

19...Ne6= 20.Nd5 Qd8 21.b4 cxb4 22.cxb4 f5 0.46/20

[22...h5= 0.01/20]

23.Qe3± Rc8 1.05/22

[Better is 23...fxe4± 0.35/20 24.dxe4 b5]

24.Rac1 0.20/23 White has more active pieces.

[24.Qxa7± 1.05/22 fxe4 25.Rxe4]

24...Nd4 1.13/24

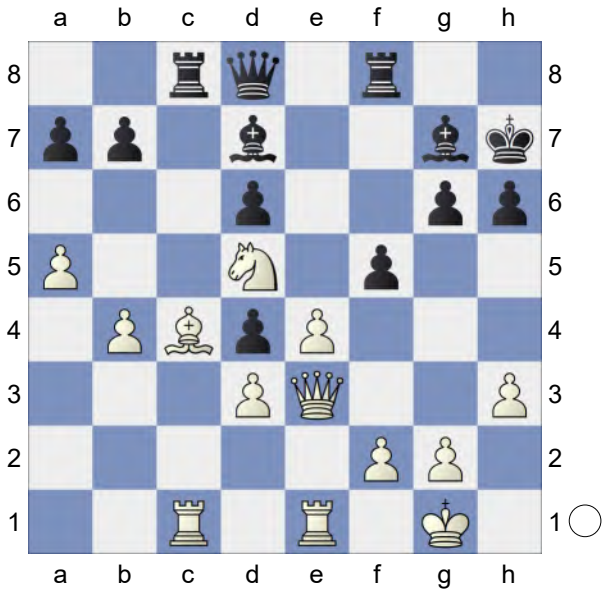
[24...fxe4= 0.20/23 25.dxe4 h5]

25.Nxd4 -0.01/23

[25.exf5± 1.13/24 Nxf3+ 26.Qxf3 Bxf5 27.Qe3]

Loses the game. **25...exd4?** 2.16/24

[25...f4!= -0.01/23 and Black stays safe. 26.Qf3 exd4]



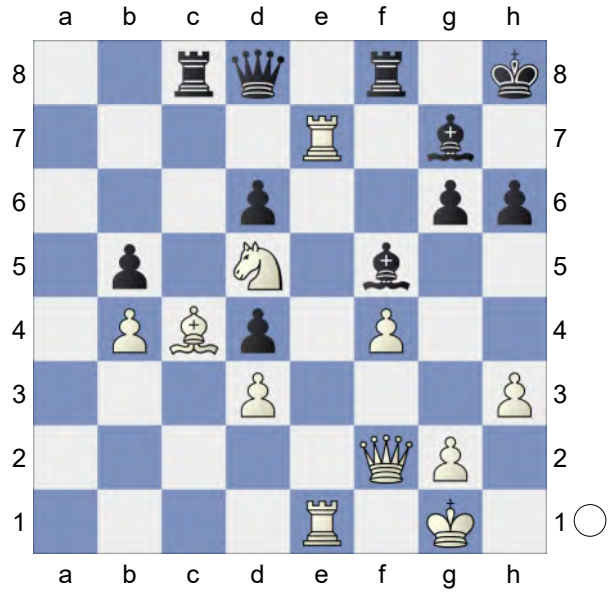
26.Qg3 and exf5 should not be overlooked **26...Be5?** 3.61/24

[26...f4 1.79/22 27.Nxf4 Qg5]

27.f4+- Bg7? 6.22/22

[27...Bf6 3.31/20 28.Qf2 h5]

28.exf5 Bxf5 29.Re7 Repels Rf7 **29...Kh8 30.Rce1 b5 31.axb6 axb6 32.Qf2 b5**

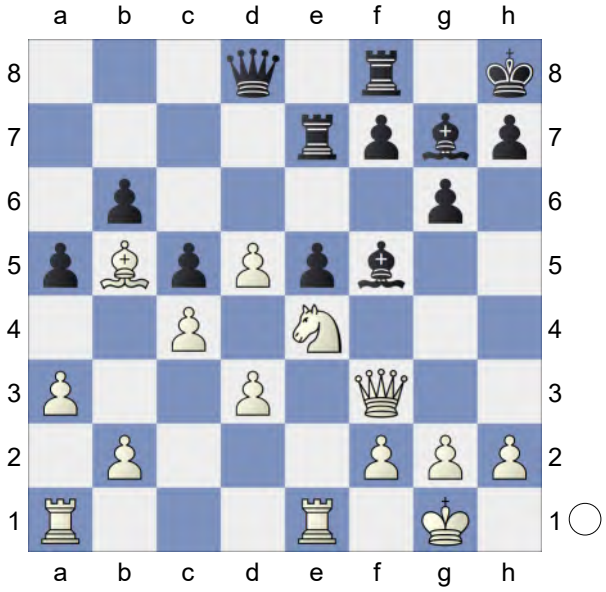


33.Rxg7! Kxg7 34.Qxd4+ Kg8 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Nh5+ Kh7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.82 **37.Qg7#**
1-0

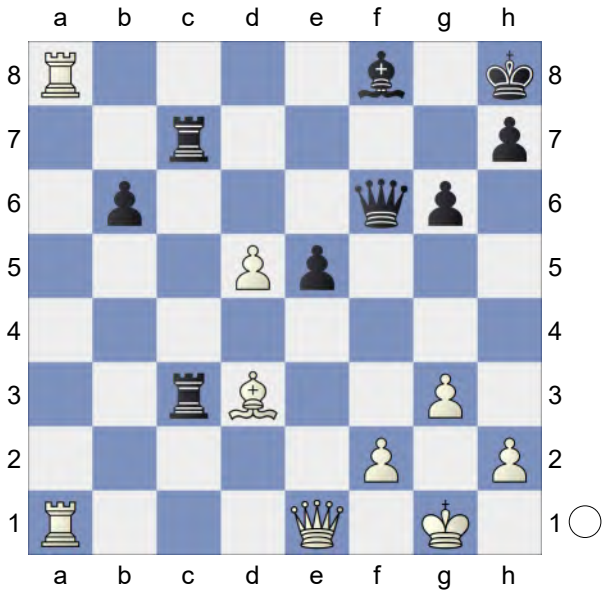
143 **B31**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2708**
MrDodgy Online Inv Finals 3rd blitz (4.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.d3 0-0 11.Nbd2 a5 12.Nc4 b5 13.Nd6 Ba6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rc1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd6 0-1 Mahalakshmi,M (2210)-Klepikov,N (2063) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (3)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer, A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Bg5! is recently more successful than 7.Nc3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7. Sc3. **7...0-0 8.Nc3 d6 9.Bc4 Kh8 10.Bxe7N**
[Vorgänger: 10.h3 f6 11.Be3 a6 12.a4 Nb4 13.Qd2 b6 14.Nd5 -1.07/28 *(14.Nb1=* 0.21/23) 14...Nbxd5∓ 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 0-1 (53) Fievet,P (2106)-Chan Kai Hou,F (1930) Sainte Marie 2005]
10...Nxe7 11.Ng5 d5 0.68/24 **12.exd5±**
[12.Nxd5? Nxd5 13.Nxf7+ Rxf7-+]
12...Nf5 13.Nf3 A dynamic duo of knights. **13...Re8** 1.22/24
[13...f6 0.71/23]
14.Ne4± b6 15.Bb5! Re7 1.68/24
[15...Rf8± 1.13/22]
16.c4 Nd6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.Nd2 0.91/26

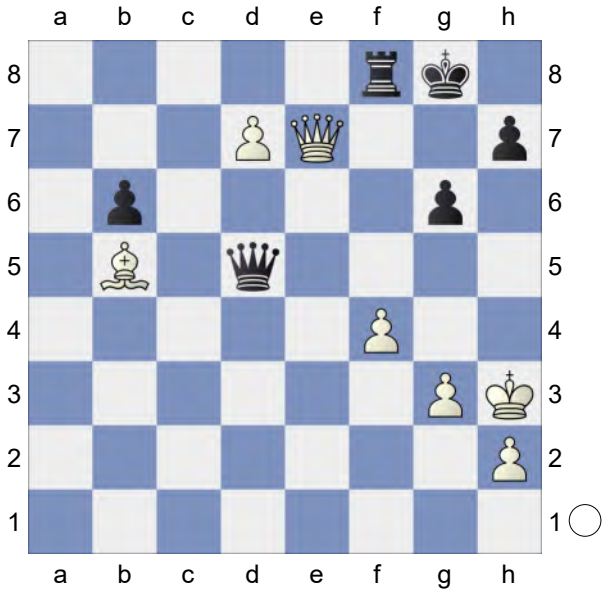
[⌓18.Bc6 1.39/25 Rb8 19.Qd2]
18...Bf5 19.Qf3 Rf8 20.a3 a5 1.29/21
[Black should try 20...Bc8 0.86/20]
21.Ne4 0.72/21
[⌓21.Qe3 1.29/21]
21...Qd8



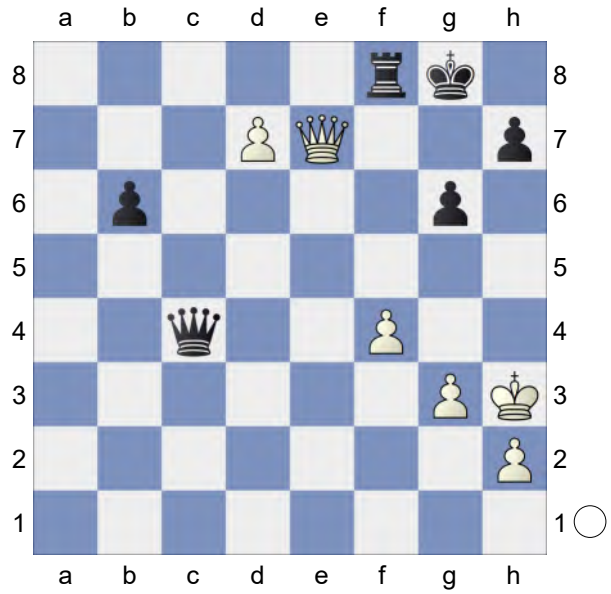
22.b4 0.60/24 **cxb4 23.axb4 axb4 24.Reb1** 0.29/22 White has more active pieces.
[24.Qe3± 0.72/21]
24...Bxe4= 25.dxe4
[25.Qxe4 f5 26.Qe1 e4∓]
25...f5! Black is weak on the light squares **26.Rxb4 fxe4 27.Qxe4** 0.01/22
[27.Qe3± 0.54/23]
27...Rf4 0.52/22
[27...Ref7= 0.01/22]
28.Qe1↑ White has good play.
[28.Qe3!? Ref7 29.Rf1±]
28...Ref7 White must now prevent ... Rxf2. **29.Rba4 Qf6**
[29...Rxf2? 30.Ra8+- *(30.Qxf2 Rxf2 31.Ra8 Qxa8±)*]
30.Ra8+ Bf8 31.Be8 Rc7 32.g3 Rfxc4 33.Bb5 Rc2 2.10/25
[33...R4c5± 0.38/23 34.Bc6 Rf7]
34.Bd3 R2c3



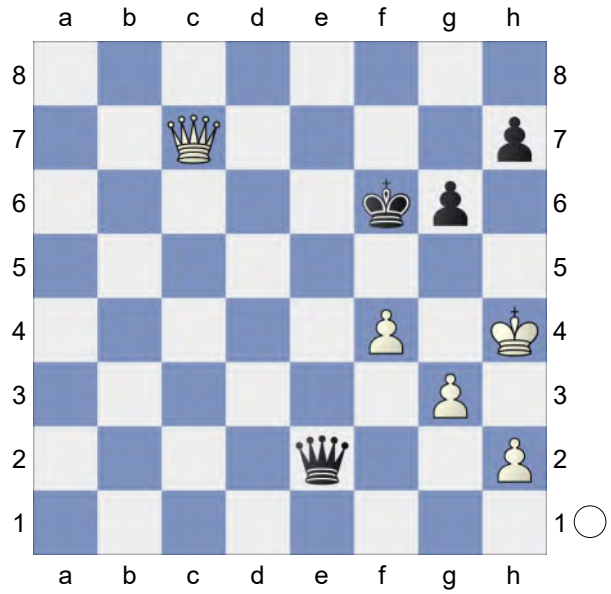
35.Rxf8+ 0.01/25 **Qxf8 36.Qxe5+ Qg7 37.Qe6 Rc1+ 38.Rxc1 Rxc1+** Endgame KQR-KQB **39.Kg2 Rd1** 0.75/25
[39...Qd4= 0.01/24]
40.Qe2 0.01/24
[40.Bc2!± 0.75/25 Ra1 41.d6 *(41.Qxb6 Qe5±)*]
40...Rc1 41.d6 Rc8 Dodges Qe8+ **42.Bb5 Qb7+ 43.Kh3** White has compensation. **43...Qd5 44.d7** Qb2+ would kill now. **44...Rf8 45.f4 Kg7 46.Qe7+ Kg8**



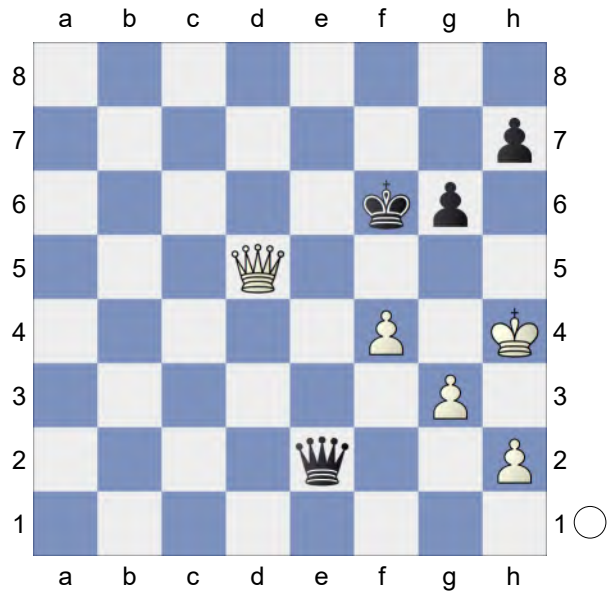
47.Bc4! -0.01/5 **Qxc4**



48.Qxf8+! Remove Defender **48...Kxf8**
49.d8Q+ KQ-KQ
[49.d8B? Qc8+ 50.Kg2 Qxd8-+]
49...Kf7 50.Qxb6 Qf1+ 51.Kh4 Qe2
52.Qc7+ Kf6? 11.57/30
[52...Kf8= 0.06/25 53.Qc5+ *(53.Qxh7? Qxh2+ 54.Kg4 Qxh7-+)* 53...Kg8]



53.Qd6+? 0.13/29
[53.Qxh7? perishes. Qxh2+ 54.Kg4 Qxh7-+]
[53.Qe5+!+- 11.57/30 Qxe5 54.fxe5+ Kf7 55.Kg5]
53...Kf7 54.Qd5+ Kf6? 11.26/27
[54...Kf8= 0.07/23]

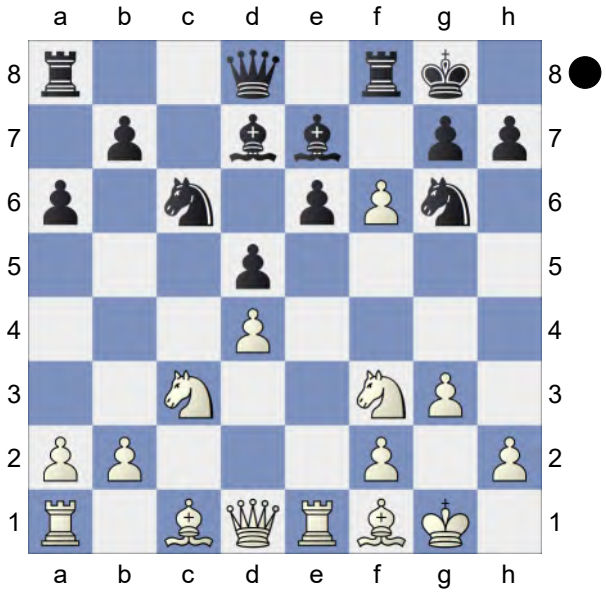


55.h3? 0.01/27
[55.Qe5+!+- 11.26/27 Qxe5 56.fxe5+ Kf5 57.g4+ Kxe5 58.Kg5]
55...h6! The position is equal. **56.Qd6+ Kf7 57.Qd5+ Kf6 58.Qd6+ Kf7 59.Qd7+ Kf6 60.Qc6+ Kf7 61.Qd5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/ Black=0.37 **61...Kf6**
½-½

144 **B30**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2764**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2859**
Meltwater CCT Finals 2022 (4.3)
[TA]

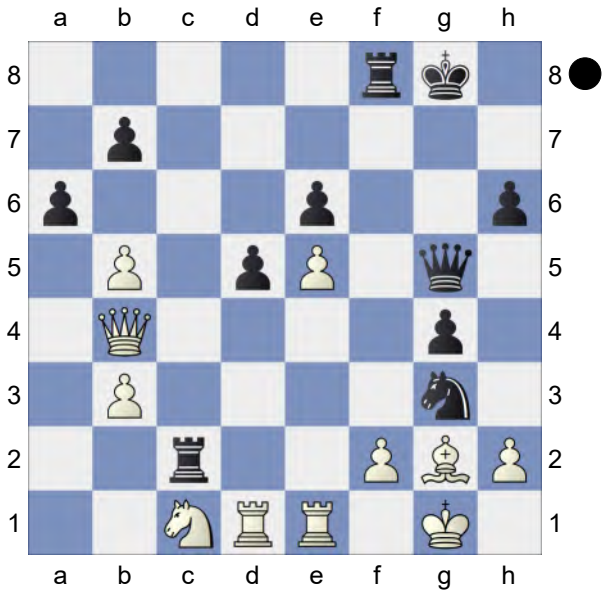
Rapid 15min+10sec **1.e4** 0 **c5** 0 **2.Nf3** 2 **Nc6** 1 **3.Bb5** 2 **e6** 1 **4.0-0** 7 **Nge7** 3 **5.Re1** 1 **a6** 17 **6.Bf1** 2 **Ng6** 1:08 **7.c3** 21 **Be7** 17 **8.d4** 2 **cxd4** 1 **9.cxd4** 1 **d5** 1 **10.e5** 32 **0-0** 1 B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6. **11.Nc3** 10 **Bd7**

2:03 **12.g3** 26 **f6** 44 White has an edge.
13.exf6 3



Rxf6N 7
[Predecessor: 13...Bxf6 14.h4 b5 15.a3 Kh8 16.Bg2 Nge7 17.Bh3 Qb6 18.Be3 Rae8 19.h5 Qd8 1-0 (47) Hera,I (2557)-Horvath,A (2530) Austria 2013]
14.Bg5! 2:22 **Rf8** 4 **15.Bxe7** 3 **Ngxe7** 8
16.Bg2 23 **Nf5** 19 **17.Qd2** 7 **h6** 22
18.Rad1 14 **Rc8** 38 **19.Ne2** 36 **g5** 4:23
Inhibits Nf4. **20.Nc1** 3:14 **g4** 51
[Black should play 20...Qf6=]
21.Ne5± 3 **Nxe5** 1:15 **22.dxe5** 2:57
[22.Rxe5± Qg5 23.Qe1]
22...Bb5↑ 12 Black has the initiative.
23.b3 21 **Qg5** 22 **24.Qb4?** 37
[24.a4= and White is okay. Qxd2 25.Rxd2]
24...Rc2-+ 10 **25.a4?** 1
[25.Nd3 nothing else works.]
25...Nxg3 1:05 **26.axb5** 6:15
[26.Qxf8+-+ Kxf8 27.fxg3]

(Diagram)



26...Rfxf2 9 **27.Ne2** 8 **Rfxe2** 1:32
[⌓27...Nxe2+ 28.Kxf2 g3+ 29.hxg3 Qxg3+ 30.Kf1 Nc3 31.Qg4+ Qxg4 32.Rd2 Rxd2 33.Bh1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1 Qh2+ 35.Kf1 Qxh1#]
28.Rxe2 9 Black is clearly winning.
28...Nxe2+ 2 **29.Kh1** 1 **Rc1** 6 **30.Qe1** 13
[⌓30.Rf1 Rxf1+ 31.Bxf1]
30...Rxd1 3 **31.Qxd1** 21 **Qc1** 1
Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/ Black=0.28 (precise)
0-1

145 **B30**
□ **Grandelius,Nils** **2689**
■ **Aryan,Chopra** **2634**
FIDE Grand Swiss (7) 01.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

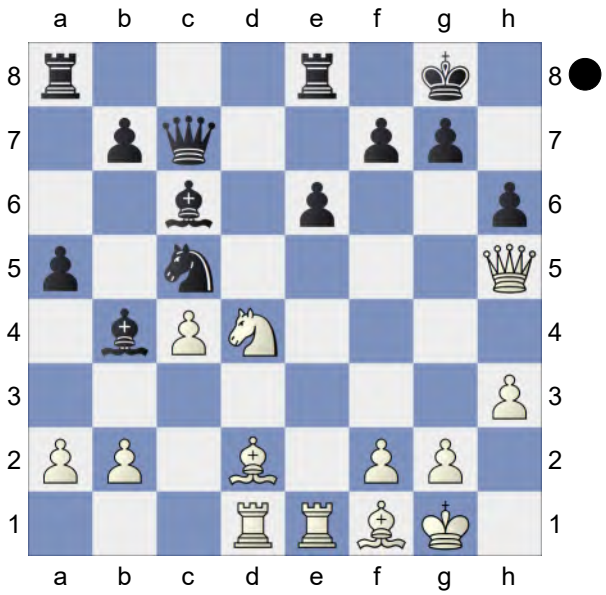
5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c4 0-0 11.Nc3 cxd4 White has an edge. **12.Nxd4 Ne5!** is more profitable than 12...Bd7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 12...Ld7. **13.h3** Prevents Neg4. **13...Bd7 14.Nf3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Bc6 16.Qg3 Bd6 17.Qh4 Nd7N**

[Vorgänger: 17...Be7 18.Rad1 Repels Nd5 Qa5 19.Bd3 h6 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Nd5! Bxd5 22.Re5 Qc7 23.Qf4? -4.07/22 *(23.Rg5+= 0.01/22 hxg5 24.Qxg5+ Kh8 25.Qh6+ Kg8 26.Qg5+)* 23...Rfc8-+ 24.cxd5 0-1 Santos,J (2183)-Vorobiov,V (2029) World ol U16 2019 (9.15)]

18.Bg5

[18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.Red1 Be7 20.Rab1]

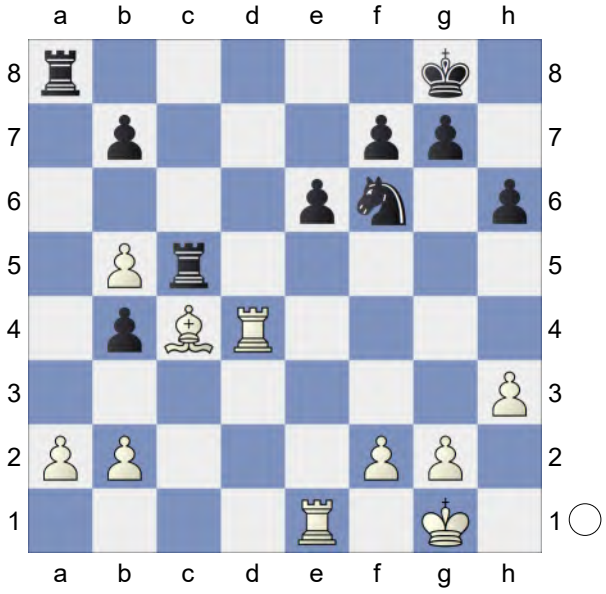
18...Qc7 19.Rad1 Rfe8 20.Ne2 h6 21.Bc1 Bb4 22.Bd2 a5 23.Nd4 Nc5 24.Qh5



aiming for Bxb4. **24...Ne4 25.Bxb4**

[25.Nxc6 simplifies Qxc6 26.Bxb4 axb4 27.Qe2]

25...axb4 26.Nxc6 Qxc6 27.Qb5 Qxb5 28.cxb5 Nf6 29.Bc4 Rec8 30.Rd4 Rc5



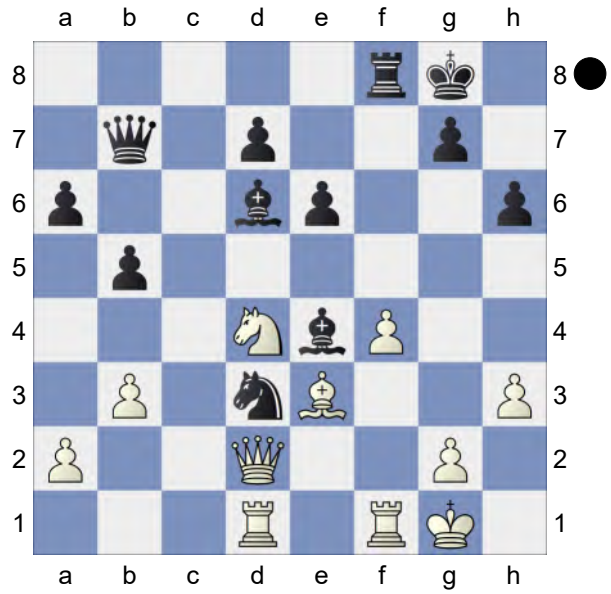
Hoping for ...e5. **31.Bb3 Rxb5 32.Rc1** Inhibits Rc8. **32...Nd5 33.Rdc4 Kf8**

34.Rc5 Raa5 35.Rc8+ Ke7 36.Rb8 Ra6 37.Bxd5 -0.94/26
[37.g3= -0.23/23 keeps the balance.]
37...Rxd5 0.01/24
[37...exd5∓ -0.94/26 38.Rc7+ Ke6 39.Rcxb7 Rxb7 40.Rxb7 Ra4 *(40...Rxa2 41.Rxb4 Ra1+ 42.Kh2=)*]
38.Rc7+= Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless) **38...Rd7**
½-½

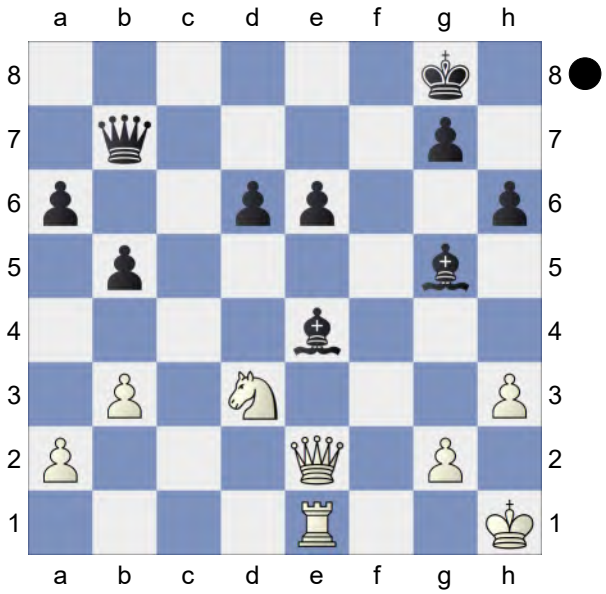
146 **B30**
□ **Zarnicki,Pablo Adrian** **2514**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2760**
Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bd6 5.c3 Nge7 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 exd4 8.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **8...0-0** 8...a6 is not played anymore. 8...a6 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **9.Nc3 Qc7 10.Nf3 a6 11.Ba4 b5** 1.02/21
[11...Bc5!⩲ 0.63/19]
12.Bb3 0.48/19
[12.Bxb5!± 1.02/21 aiming for h3!. Ne5 *(12...axb5 13.Nxb5 Bxh2+ 14.Nxh2±)* 13.Ba4]
12...Bb7⩲ 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Rae8 15.Be3 Re6N 3.00/20 **16.Bxe6+- fxe6 17.Rc1 Qb8 18.h3 h6 19.Nd4?** 1.32/21
[19.Bc5+- 4.01/22 Bxc5 20.Rxc5]
19...Ne5± 20.b3 -0.09/22
[20.Qc2± 1.20/22]
20...Bxe4= 21.Qd2 White is weak on the light squares **21...Qb7** 0.44/20
[21...Nd3= -0.01/21]
22.f4? -1.12/22
[22.Nxe6? Bxg2 23.f3 *(23.Nxf8? Nf3+ 24.Kxg2 Nh4+* Discovered Attack (Double Check) *25.Kg1 Qg2#)* 23...Nxf3+ *(23...dxe6 24.Qxg2 Nxf3+ 25.Kh1⩱; 23...Bxf1? 24.Qxd6 dxe6 25.Qxe5-+)* 24.Rxf3 Rxf3-+ *(24...Qxf3? 25.Nxf8 Qg3 26.Qxd6-+)*]
[22.f3!⩲ 0.44/20 keeps the upper hand. Bd5 23.Ne2]
22...Nd3∓ Black has strong

compensation. **23.Rcd1**



Be7? 0.30/24
[Better is 23...Rf6!∓ -1.26/22 24.Kh2 e5]
24.Qe2= Nb4 25.Nf3 -0.50/22
[25.Bc1!± 0.62/21]
25...Nd5 26.Bd2 -1.32/25 Wards off Nc3
[26.Ne5 Nc3 27.Qg4 Nxd1 *(27...Nxa2? perishes. 28.Rxd7 Bf5 29.Rxb7+-)* 28.Rxd1 Bf5 29.Rxd7 Qxd7 30.Nxd7 Bxg4 31.Nxf8 Bf5-+]
[26.Rde1!= -0.18/23]
26...Nxf4∓ 27.Bxf4 Rxf4 28.Ne5 Rxf1+ 29.Qxf1 Bc5+ -1.31/23 A strong pair of Bishops.
[29...Qa7+-+ -1.76/24 30.Kh1 Qe3 31.Qf7+ Kh7]
30.Kh1 d6 -0.89/22
[⌓30...d5 -1.37/23 31.Qe2 Bd6]
31.Nd3 Be3 -0.01/25
[31...Ba3∓ -0.69/23]
32.Qe2= Bg5
[32...Bb6!?]
33.Re1 -0.81/23
[33.h4= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. Bf6 *(33...Bxh4 34.Qg4=)* 34.Nf4]



What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.36
33...Bf5!
½-½

147 **B31**
□ **Nadigraj** **2804**
■ **Shtemb22** **2736**
Blitz 15.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1*

g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.e5 Nd5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.h3 a5 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 The position is equal. **13...Be6 14.Bf4 Bd5 15.Nh2 Rb8** 0.27/20

[15...a4 -0.13/19 deserves consideration.]

16.Qd2 a4 17.Bh6 a3 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Ng4 Rb2 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.h4? -2.30/20

[21.Qe3∓ -0.63/21]

21...Be6? -0.17/19

[21...Bxa2 22.Qg5∓]

[21...Rxa2-+ -2.30/20 22.Rac1 Bc4]

22.Nh2!=

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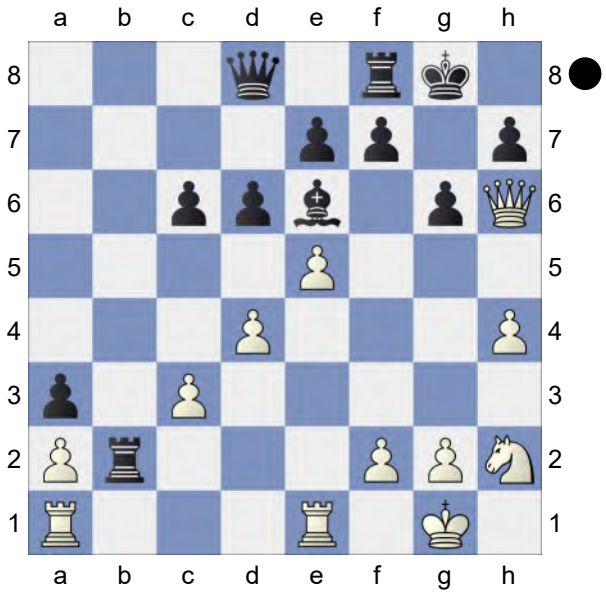

and Nf3 should not be overlooked **22...dxe5** and ...e4 would now be decisive **23.Rxe5** -1.69/23

[23.Nf3= -0.25/23 and White is okay. f6 *(23...Bxa2 24.Ng5 Re8 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Qh8#)* 24.h5 gxh5 *(24...Bxa2 25.hxg6+-)* 25.dxe5]

23...Rxa2? -0.05/21

[Don't play 23...Bxa2 24.Nf3 f6 25.h5∓]

[Black should try 23...Qd6-+ -1.69/23 24.h5 Bxa2 *(24...Rxa2 25.Rae1-+)* 25.hxg6 fxg6 *(25...Qxg6? 26.Rg5+-* Pin *)*]

24.Rae1 Qd6? 10.77/24

[24...Bd5= -0.07/23 25.c4 Bxc4]

25.Nf3+- White is clearly winning. **25...f6** Inhibits Ng5. **26.Rxe6 Ra1 27.Rxa1 Qxe6 28.Rxa3 Rb8 29.Ra1 Qd6 30.Re1 Rb2 31.h5 g5 32.c4 g4 33.c5 Qc7 34.Nh4**

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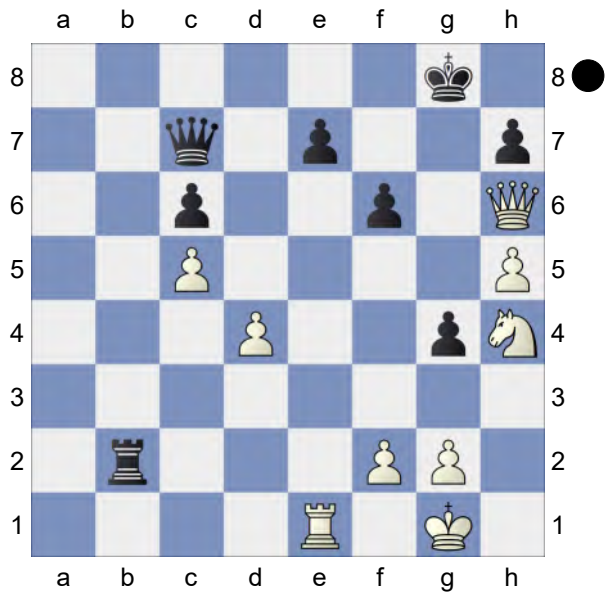

g3 35.f3 White threatens Nf5 and mate. **35...Qb8 36.Nf5**
[36.Rxe7? Rb1+]
36...Qf8 Against Qg7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/Black=0.84 **37.Nxe7+**
[37.Rxe7? gets mated. Rb1+]
1-0

148 **B30**
□ **Konstantin_Tarlev** **2818**
■ **FairChess_on_YouTube** **3096**
Blitz 26.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...a6 6.Bf1 h6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 White is slightly better. **9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qd1 Bc5 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nc4 b5 14.Bxc5! Qxc5 15.Qd6 Qa7 16.Ne3 Qd4** 1.06/22
[16...Qb8± 0.70/21 17.Red1 Ne5]
17.Qxd4± Nxd4 18.c3 Nc6 19.a4 b4 20.a5 0.29/26
[White should try 20.Nc4± 0.71/21]
20...Rb8 21.Nc4 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rb3 23.Rec1 Rd8 0.80/22
[23...Rb5± 0.35/21]
24.Nd6 Rb8 1.15/22
[24...Rb2!± 0.69/25 feels stronger.]

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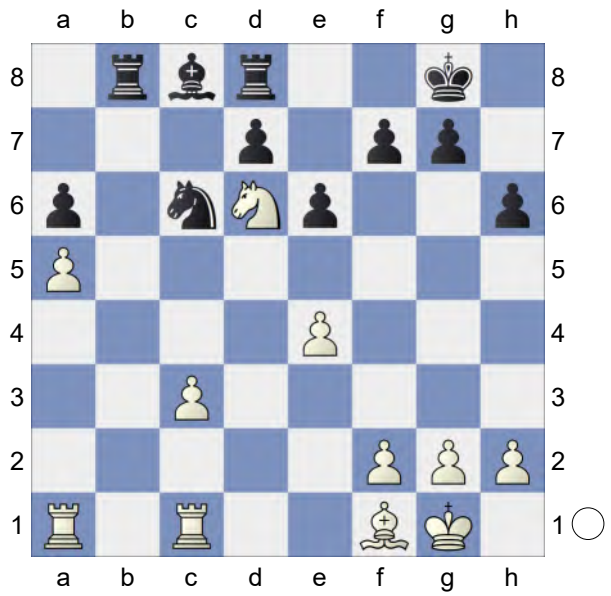
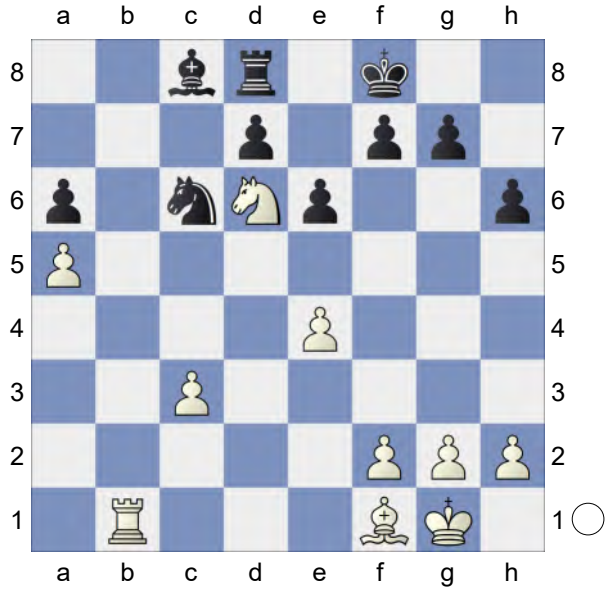


25.Rcb1 0.67/25
[25.Ra4!± 1.15/22]
25...Rxb1± 26.Rxb1 Kf8
[26...Nxa5? 27.Rb8+-]



27.Rb6 0.16/23
[27.Nxc8 Rxc8 28.Bxa6 Ra8=]
[27.c4!± 0.74/23]
27...Ke7!=
[27...Nxa5? 28.Rb8+-]
28.Nxc8+ Rxc8 29.Rxa6 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up.
[Much worse is 29.Bxa6 Ra8∓]
29...Rb8 30.Rb6 Rxb6 31.axb6 KB-KN. White is a pawn up. **31...Kd6! 32.f4 Kc5 33.b7 Kb6 34.Kf2 Kxb7 35.Ke3 d6 36.Kd3 Kb6 37.Kc4 Na5+ 38.Kb4 Nc6+ 39.Kc4 Na5+ 40.Kb4 Nb7 41.Bd3 Nc5 42.Bc2 Kc6 43.Kc4 e5 44.g3 Ne6?** 4.52/27
[44...h5= 0.01/27 and Black has nothing to worry.]
45.Ba4++- Kc7 46.f5 -0.08/31
[46.fxe5+- 3.80/28 Ng5 47.Kd5 dxe5 48.h4 *(48.Kxe5 Nf3+ 49.Kf4 Nxh2±)*]
46...Nc5= 47.Bc2 Kc6 48.h3 g5 49.Bb1 f6 50.Bc2 Kc7 51.Kd5 Kd7 52.Kc4 Ke7 53.Kd5 Nd7 54.Kc4 Nb6+ 55.Kb5 Nd7 56.Kc4 Nf8 57.Kd5 h5 58.Bd1 h4 59.gxh4 gxh4 60.Bg4 Nh7 Threatens to win with ... Ng5. **61.c4?** -12.51/30
[61.Bf3= -0.01/38]
61...Ng5-+ 62.c5 dxc5 Deflection **63.Kxc5 Nxe4+ 64.Kd5 Nf2** (→ ...Nxg4) **65.Bf3 Nxh3 66.Ke4 Ng5+ 67.Ke3 Nxf3 68.Kxf3 Kd6** Black mates. **69.Kg4 e4 70.Kxh4 Ke5 71.Kg4 Kd4 72.Kg3** Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
72...e3
0-1

149 **B30**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2645**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Sharjah Masters 6th (9) 25.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6! is currently scoring better than 6...Qb6. wohl besser als 6...Db6. **7.c3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nd2 a6 10.Be2 Nxd4 11.cxd4 b5 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Qh5 Qe8 14.Rfe1 f6 15.Rad1 Qf7 16.Bb1N**

[Vorgänger: 16.Nb3 f5 17.f3 Rae8 18.Nc5 Bc8 19.Bc2 Kh8 1.54/21 *(19...Qf6± 0.67/21)* 20.Bb3 0.71/20 *(⌓20.d5 1.54/21)* 20...d5 1.40/22 *(*Better is *20...fxe4 0.71/20 21.Nxe4 Bb7)* 21.exd5 exd5 22.f4 1-0 Volokitin,A (2645)-Gukesh,D (2732) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (7.4)]

16...Rac8 17.Nb3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **17...Ba8**

½-½

150 **B31**

□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2751**

■ **Wang,Hao** **2744**

10th Norway Armageddon blitz (3.3)

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4

Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 exd4 8.Bf4 a6 9.Bc4 0.02/21

[9.Ba4± 0.53/21]

9...d6= 10.Nbd2 h6? 1.85/23

[10...Nf6= -0.17/20]

11.Bd5? 0.27/24

[11.Qb3+- 1.85/23 Qe7 12.Rfe1]

11...Nge7 White has an edge. **12.Nc4 0-0 13.Bxd6** Bxc6 is in the air **13...Re8** Strongly threatening ...Nxd5. **14.Bg3 Rf8** 0.72/21

[14...Nxd5± 0.31/22 15.exd5 Na7 *(15...Qxd5? 16.Nb6+-)*]

15.h3 0.29/24 White has more active pieces.

[15.Re1± 0.72/21]

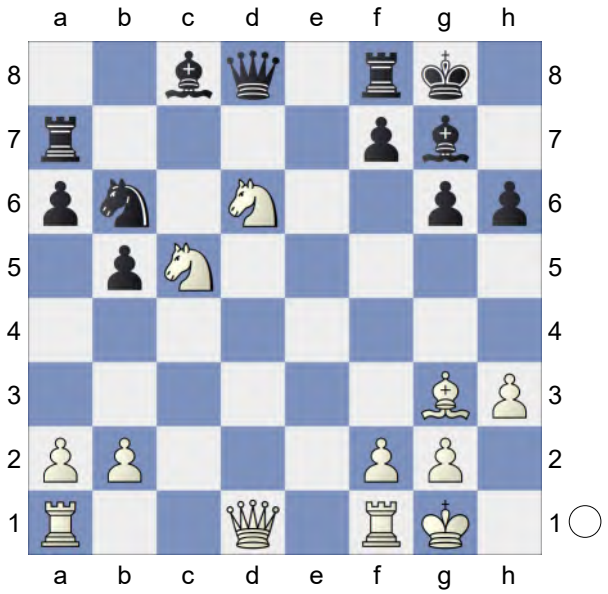
15...Nxd5 16.exd5 Ne7

[16...Qxd5? 17.Nb6 Qd8 18.Nxa8+-]

17.Nxd4 Nxd5 18.Nb3

[18.Re1!?]

18...b5 19.Nd6 Nb6 20.Nc5 Ra7



21.b3! **Nd7!** **22.Nce4** -0.01/24

A dynamic duo of knights.

[22.Rc1± 0.45/25 was preferable. Nxc5 23.b4]

22...Nf6 0.72/25

[22...Bxa1= -0.01/24 23.Qxa1 Rc7]

23.Rc1± Nxe4 2.10/25

[Black should play 23...Be6± 0.68/24]

24.Rxc8+- Qxc8 25.Nxc8 Rxc8 26.Qg4 Re8 27.Bf4 Rae7 28.Be3 0.98/23

[⌓28.g3 1.56/24]

28...Re6 1.64/23

[28...Nc3± 0.98/23]

29.Rd1? 0.01/20

[Better is 29.g3+- 1.64/23]

29...b4? 3.40/21

[29...h5!= 0.01/20 and Black has nothing to worry. 30.Qf4 Be5]

30.Rd3 a5 31.Qd1 Nc3 32.Qd2 h5 4.10/24

[⌓32...Ne4 2.83/23 33.Qc2 Bc3]

33.Rd8 Bf6 34.Rxe8+ Rxe8 35.Qd7 Rd8 36.Qc7 2.04/23

[⌓36.Qc6 3.76/26 Rd1+ 37.Kh2 Be5+ 38.g3]

36...Rd5 2.95/26

[⌓36...Nd5 2.04/23 37.Qxa5 Nxe3]

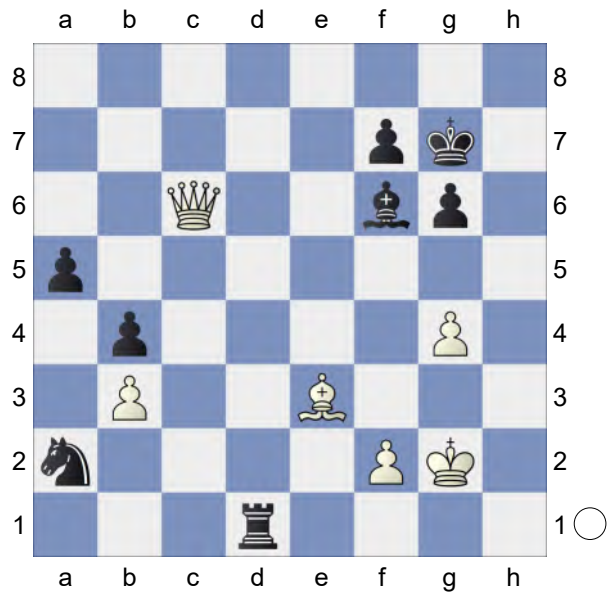
37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Nxa2? 7.98/25

[38...g5 2.85/27 39.Kg2 Kg7]

39.Qc6 White is clearly winning.

39...Rd1+ 40.Kg2 Kg7

(Diagram)



41.Bh6+! Deflection **41...Kxh6 42.Qxf6** Black must now prevent f4!. **42...Nc3 43.f4 Rd2+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.87 **44.Kh3 1-0**

151 **B30**
□ **Pranav,V.** **2608**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2736**
Chess.com U20 Speed blitz (2.2) 15.6.23
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
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3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.0-0 Ng6 7.Ng5 f6 8.Nh3 d5 9.Nc3! now scores much better than the old 9.Qh5. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Dh5. **9...Bd6** Black is slightly better. **10.f4 0-0**
11.Qh5 -0.71/19
[11.b3= -0.26/18]
11...Bd7N -0.01/18
[Predecessor: 11...c4 12.dxc4 Ba6 13.Be3 -1.08/18 *(13.b3∓* -0.35/20 *)* 13...Bxc4∓ 14.Rfd1 Qe7 15.Qf3 Bc5 -0.28/20 *(*Better is *15...Rfe8∓* -0.98/18 *)* 16.b3= Ba6 17.exd5 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 exd5 0-1 Kasparova,T (2157)-Kasantsev,A (2051) Lipetsk op 2010 (2)]
[11...Ba6∓ -0.71/19]
12.Bd2 -1.03/20
[12.Kh1= -0.01/18 remains equal.]
12...c4∓ 13.dxc4 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qxb2 15.cxd5 -1.63/20
[15.Qe2∓ -1.11/20]
15...exd5-+

[15...Qxc2 16.dxe6 Qxd2 17.Qd1 Qxd1 *(17...Bxf4 18.Nxf4 Qxd1 19.Raxd1±)* 18.Rfxd1 Bxe6 19.Rxd6 Bxh3 20.gxh3∓]

16.exd5 -1.82/20

[16.Rac1∓ -1.24/19]

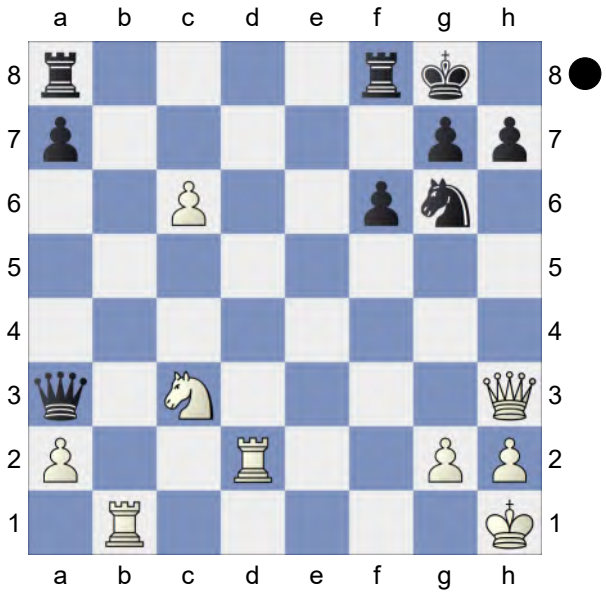
16...Qxc2 17.Rfd1 -2.04/20

[17.Rad1∓ -1.56/20 keeps fighting.]

17...Bxh3? 0.01/19

[17...Ba3-+ -2.04/20 aiming for ...Bb2. 18.d6 Bxd6]

18.Qxh3= Bxf4 19.Rac1 Qb2 20.Rb1 Qa3 21.dxc6 Bxd2! 22.Rxd2



Ne5? 3.29/23

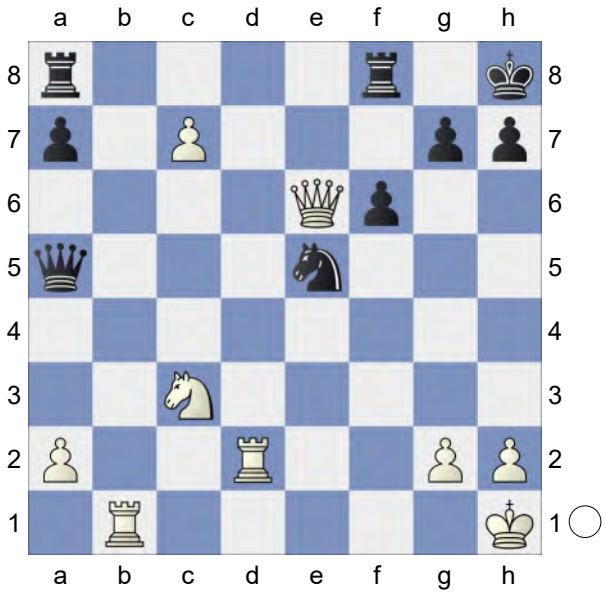
[22...Qc5= 0.01/21]

23.c7? 0.23/19

[23.Rbd1+- 3.29/23]

23...Qa5 24.Qe6+ Kh8

(Diagram)



25.Qd6! Qxc3 26.Rb8 Qc1+? 2.12/5

[26...Qa1+= 0.26/30 27.Rd1 Qxd1+ 28.Qxd1 Rfxb8 29.cxb8B *(29.cxb8R+ Rxb8 30.h3 h6±)* 29...Rxb8]

27.Rd1+- Qxd1+! 28.Qxd1 White wants to mate with Rxa8. **28...Raxb8 29.cxb8Q**

[But not 29.cxb8R Rxb8 30.h3 h6±]

29...Rxb8= Endgame KQ-KRN **30.h3 h6 31.Qa4** White has compensation. **31...Rb7 32.Kh2 Rc7 33.Qd4** Strongly threatening Qd8+. **33...Kh7 34.Qe4+ g6 35.Qd4 Kg7 36.Qd6 Rd7 37.Qa6 Re7 38.Qd6 Rd7** The position is equal. **39.Qa6 h5 40.Qa3 g5 41.Qa6 h4 42.a4 Kg6 43.a5 Rd2** (→ ...Nf3+) **44.Kg1**

[44.Qxa7? is a self mate. Nf3+ 45.Kh1 Rd1+]

44...Rd7 45.Qc8 Rd1+ 46.Kh2 Rd7 47.Qg8+ Kf5 48.Qc8 Kg6 49.a6 Kg7 50.Qc5 Kg6 51.Qc8 Kg7 52.Qc5 Kg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.27 (precise) **53.Qc8 ½-½**

152 **B30**
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3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.0-0 -0.24/21
[⌓6.h4 0.30/20]
6...d6 0.34/21
[6...Ng6= -0.24/21]
7.c3!? -0.17/19 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[White should try 7.e5⩲ 0.34/21]
7...e5 0.31/22
[7...Ng6= -0.17/19]
8.d4⩲ White is slightly better. **8...Qc7 9.h3N**
[Predecessor: 9.Na3 Ng6 10.Nc2 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Ne3 0-0 13.Qc2 Ba6 0.46/22 *(13...Be6=* 0.04/18 *)* 14.Re1 *(14.Nd5!? Qb7 15.Nxe7+ Nxe7 16.Rd1±)* 14...Rfc8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Bd2 ½-½ Midoux,S (2303)-Venkatesh,M (2455) Calvi Balagne op 08th 2011 (7)]
9...Ng6 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qa4 Dodges Ba6 **11...Be7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Na3** -0.17/21
[⌓13.Nbd2 0.19/19]
13...Rb8 14.Nc4 Be6 15.b3 Rb5 16.Rad1 h6 17.Rfe1 Kh7 18.Nfd2 Bg5 0.89/22
[18...Nh4= 0.27/22 remains equal.]
19.Qa3 -0.06/22
[19.Bxg5± 0.89/22 And now Be3 would win. hxg5 20.Nf1]
19...Bxe3!= 20.Nxe3 Excellent horsemanship. **20...Nf4 21.Ndc4** -0.36/22
[21.Nf3= 0.00/23 should be considered.]
21...Rd8
[21...Qe7 simplifies 22.Rd2 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Rb7]
22.Kh2 Qe7 23.Nf5? -1.43/24
[23.Nxe5 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Qc7-+]
[23.Rxd8!= 0.13/21 Qxd8 24.Qxa7 *(24.Nxe5? Qc7-+)*]
23...Qg5∓ 24.Ng3 -2.28/24
[24.Nce3∓ -1.23/22 Nd3 25.Rf1]
24...Rxd1!-+ 25.Rxd1 h5? -0.45/23

[25...Bxc4-+ -2.28/26 26.bxc4 Rb7]

26.Ne3!∓

[26.Qxa7? h4 27.Nb2 hxg3+ 28.fxg3 Ne2-+]

26...h4 27.Ngf5 Bxf5 0.09/21

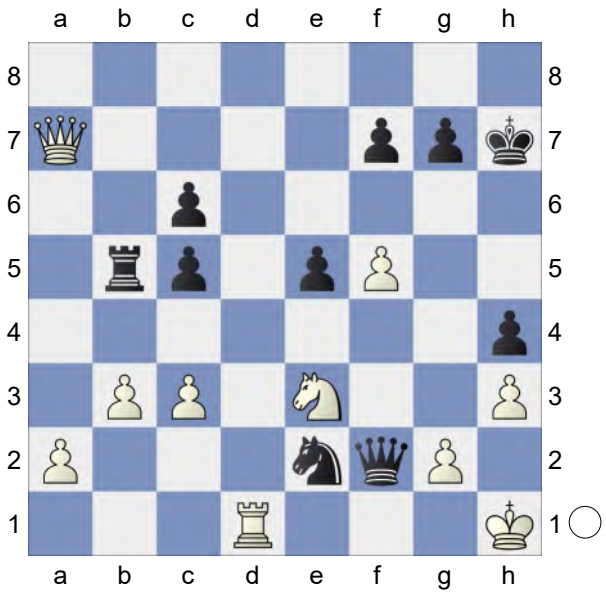
[27...Ne2∓ -0.60/25 28.c4 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Rb7 *(29...Rb4 30.Qxa7 Qxf2 31.Qe7±)* 30.Qxc5 Rd7 31.Rxd7 *(31.Qxc6? Rxd1+ 32.Nxd1 Qd2-+)* 31...Bxd7]

28.exf5= Ne2 29.Qxa7 Qf4+ 0.74/5

[29...Nxc3= 0.14/25 30.Re1 f6 *(30...Qf4+ 31.Kg1±)*]

30.Kh1± Qxf2 1.61/27

[Better is 30...Nxc3± 0.45/26 31.Qxf7 Nxd1 32.Qg6+ Kg8 33.Qe8+ Kh7 34.Qg6+]



31.Qxf7!+- Rb8

[31...Qxe3 32.Qg6+ Kh8 33.Rd8#]

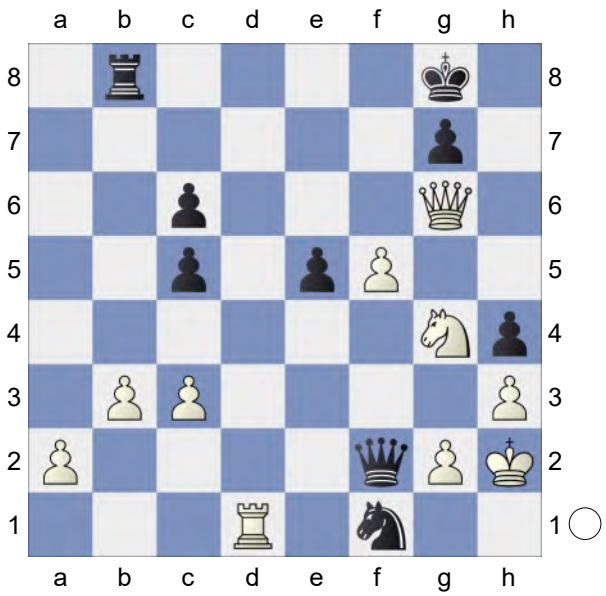
32.Qg6+→ White has strong attack.

32...Kg8? 5.13/24

[32...Kh8 1.81/27]

33.Ng4 Ng3+ 34.Kh2 Nf1+

(Diagram)



35.Rxf1! Qxf1 Endgame KQR-KQN

36.Nf6+

[36.Nxe5? Qf4+ 37.Kh1 Qxe5-+]

36...Kf8 37.Nh7+? -0.01/24

[37.Nd7++- 5.88/31 Kg8 38.Nf6+ *(38.Nxb8 Qf4+ 39.Kg1 Qc1+ 40.Kf2 Qd2+ 41.Kg1 Qc1+ 42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+=)* 38...Kf8 39.Nh5]

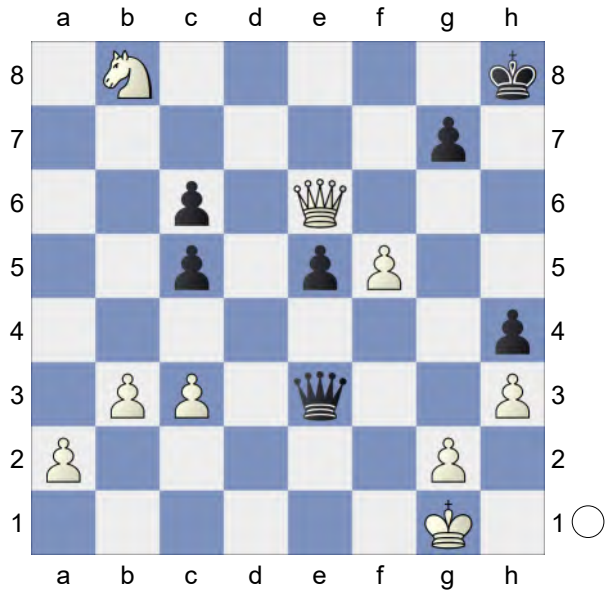
37...Kg8= And now ...Qf4+ would win.

38.Nf6+ Kf8 39.Nd7+ Kg8 40.Qe6+

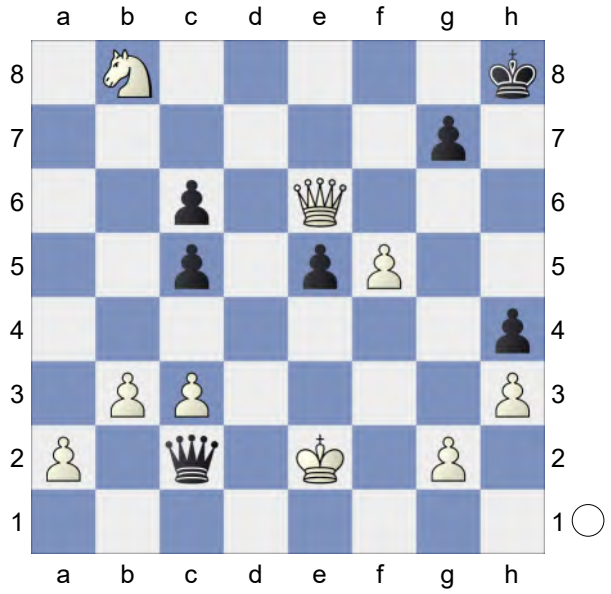
[40.Nxb8 Qf4+ 41.Kg1 Qc1+ 42.Kh2 *(42.Kf2 Qd2+ 43.Kg1 Qc1+ 44.Kf2 Qd2+ 45.Kf3 Qd1+ 46.Kf2 Qd2+=)* 42...Qf4+ 43.g3 Qf2+ 44.Kh1 Qf3+ 45.Kg1 hxg3 46.Qe8+ *(46.Qxc6? Qf2+ 47.Kh1 Qh2#)* 46...Kh7 47.Qg6+ *(47.Qxe5? Qf2+ 48.Kh1 Qh2#)* 47...Kg8 48.Qe6+ Kh7 49.Qg6+ *(49.Qxe5? Qf2+ 50.Kh1 Qh2#)* 49...Kg8=]

40...Kh8 41.Nxb8 Qf4+ 42.Kg1 Qe3+

(Diagram)



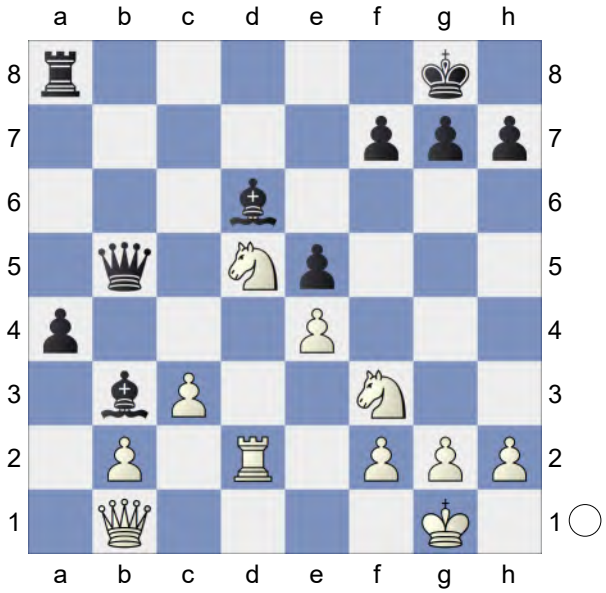
43.Kf1! Qc1+ 44.Ke2 Qc2+



45.Ke3? -0.01/23
[White has to play 45.Kf3!+- 6.37/29]
45...Qxc3+ 46.Ke2 Qc2+ 47.Kf3 Qd1+ 48.Ke3 Qe1+ 49.Kd3 Qd1+ 50.Kc3 Qb1? 12.97/25
[50...Qc1+= -0.01/30 51.Kd3 Qd1+ 52.Kc3 *(52.Ke3 Qe1+ 53.Kf3 Qd1+ 54.Ke3=)* 52...Qc1+]
51.Qe8+
[Weaker is 51.Nd7 Qe1+ 52.Kd3 Qf1+ 53.Ke3 Qe1+ 54.Kf3 Qd1+ 55.Kf2 Qc2+ 56.Kg1 Qc1+ 57.Kh2 *(57.Kf2 Qd2+ 58.Kf3 Qd1+ 59.Kf2 Qd2+ 60.Kf3 Qf4+ 61.Ke2 Qe4+ 62.Kd2 Qd4+ 63.Kc2 Qf2+ 64.Kd3 Qf1+ 65.Kd2 Qf2+ 66.Kd1 Qf1+ 67.Kd2 Qf4+ 68.Ke2 Qe4+ 69.Kd2 Qf4+ 70.Ke1 Qe3+ 71.Kf1 Qd3+ 72.Kf2 Qd2+=)* 57...Qf4+ 58.Kg1 Qe3+ 59.Kf1 Qd3+ 60.Ke1 Qe3+ 61.Kf1 Qd3+ 62.Kg1 Qe3+ 63.Kf1=]
51...Kh7 52.Qg6+
[52.Nxc6 Qc1+ 53.Kd3 Qf1+ 54.Kc2 Qxg2+ 55.Kb1 Qf3 56.Qg6+ *(56.Nxe5 Qd1+ 57.Kb2 Qd2+ 58.Ka3 Qb4+ 59.Kb2 Qd2+ 60.Ka3 Qb4+ 61.Kb2 Qd2+=)* 56...Kh8+-]
52...Kg8 53.Qe8+? 0.01/5
[53.Qxc6 Qc1+ 54.Kd3 Qd1+ 55.Kc4 Qd4+ 56.Kb5 Qb4+ 57.Ka6 Qxb8 58.Qe6+ *(58.Qxc5 Qa8+ 59.Kb6 e4±)* 58...Kh7+-]
[53.Nxc6+- 11.71/23 e4 54.Kc4]
53...Kh7 54.Qh5+
[54.Qxc6 Qc1+ 55.Kd3 Qf1+ 56.Ke4 Qxg2+ 57.Kxe5 Qh2+ 58.Kd5 Qxb8±]
54...Kg8 55.Qe2
[55.Qxh4 e4 56.Qd8+ *(56.Nxc6? Qc1#)* 56...Kh7+-]
55...Qc1+ 56.Qc2 Qa1+ 57.Kd2 Qd4+ 58.Qd3 Qf2+ 59.Kc3 Qe1+ 60.Kc2 Qf2+ 61.Qd2 Qxf5+ 62.Kb2 e4 63.Qd8+
[Less strong is 63.Nxc6 Qf6+ 64.Kc1 Qxc6±]
63...Kh7 64.Qxh4+ Kg8 65.Nxc6 White wants to mate with Ne7+. **65...e3** What a fight! Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=0.54 **66.Ne7+**
1-0

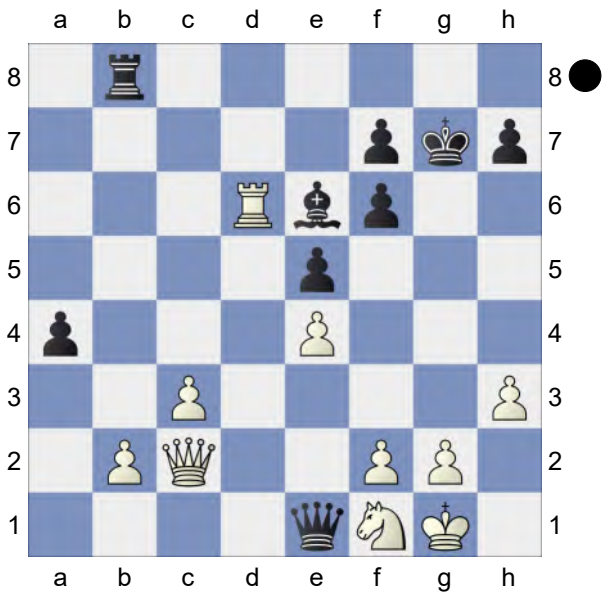
153 **B30**
□ **Miawlet** **2980**
■ **DrNykterstein** **3198**
Blitz 17.11.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bd6 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 c4 8.Bc2 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.d4** Threatens to win with a4. **9...cxd3 10.Qxd3 Be7 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Rd1 d6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Qxd6** 0.17/24
[14.Bb3± 0.62/19 is superior.]
14...Qb6 15.Qd3 Na5 16.Nbd2 Be6 17.Bb3 Nxb3 18.axb3 Rfd8 0.49/24
[18...a5= 0.10/21]
19.Qc2!± a5 20.Nf1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 a4 22.bxa4 bxa4 23.Rd2 0.01/23
[23.c4± 0.46/22]
23...Bb3 0.45/21
[23...a3= 0.01/23 24.bxa3 Rxa3]
24.Qc1 -0.01/21
[24.Qd3± 0.45/21]
24...Qc6= 25.Qb1 Qb5 0.52/21
[25...h6= -0.01/21]
26.Ne3± Be7 27.Nd5 Bd6

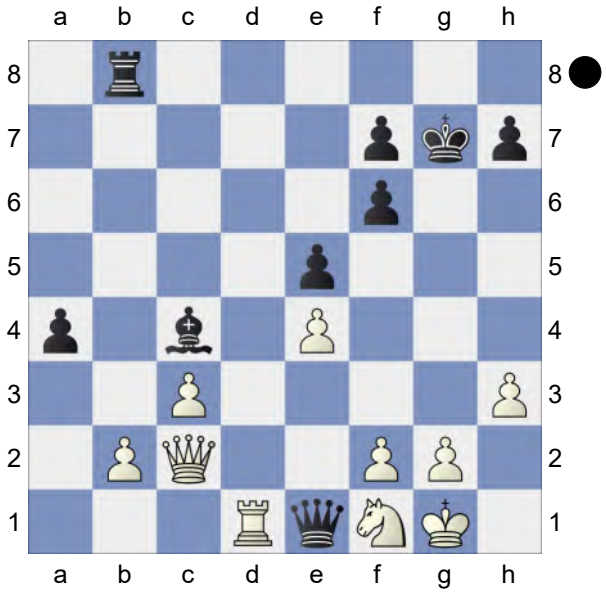


28.Nf6+ 0.01/22 **gxf6= 29.Rxd6 Kg7 30.Qc1 Be6 31.h3 Qe2 32.Nd2 Rb8 33.Qc2** -1.24/25
[33.c4= 0.01/24]
33...Qe1+∓ This move loses the game for White. **34.Nf1?** -4.08/28
[34.Kh2∓ -1.07/25 nothing else works.]

(Diagram)

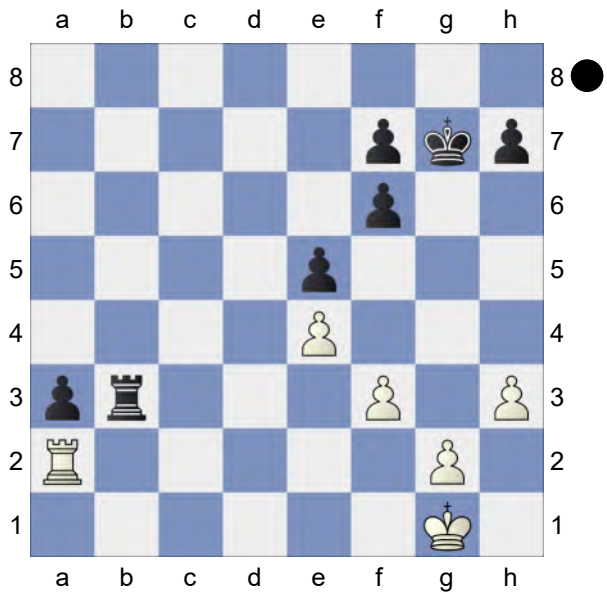


34...Bc4!-+ 35.Rd1



Rxb2!! Deflection **36.Rxe1 Rxc2 37.Ne3 Rxc3 38.Nxc4** -5.38/23
[38.Ra1 -3.84/24 keeps fighting. Bb5 39.Nf5+ Kg6 40.Ne7+ Kh6 41.Nd5]
38...Rxc4 Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. Black is clearly winning. **39.Re3 Rb4** ...Rb3 is the strong threat. **40.f3 Rb3** Prevents Rc3. **41.Re2 a3 42.Ra2** -7.52/25
[⌓42.Kh2 -4.25/25 Rb2 43.Re3]

(Diagram)



42...f5! 43.exf5
[43.Kh2 fxe4]
43...Kf6 44.g4 Rxf3 -9.29/21
[⌓44...Rb1+ -21.96/23 45.Kf2 Rb2+ *(45...Rb3 46.Kg3=)* 46.Rxb2 axb2]
45.Kg2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/Black=0.19 (very precise) **45...Rb3**
0-1

154 **B31**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2750**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2864**
Charity Cup KO 2022 (3.21) 26.03.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4

d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Bxc6 White is slightly better.

11...Qxc6 12.Nfd2 Be6 13.Nb3 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bc1 Rad8! 16.Qe2 Ng5 0.64/22

[16...Rf7!= 0.11/19]

17.h4 0.04/21

[White should try 17.Bd2!± 0.64/22]

17...Ne4!= 18.fxe4 dxe4 19.Qxe4 -3.52/25

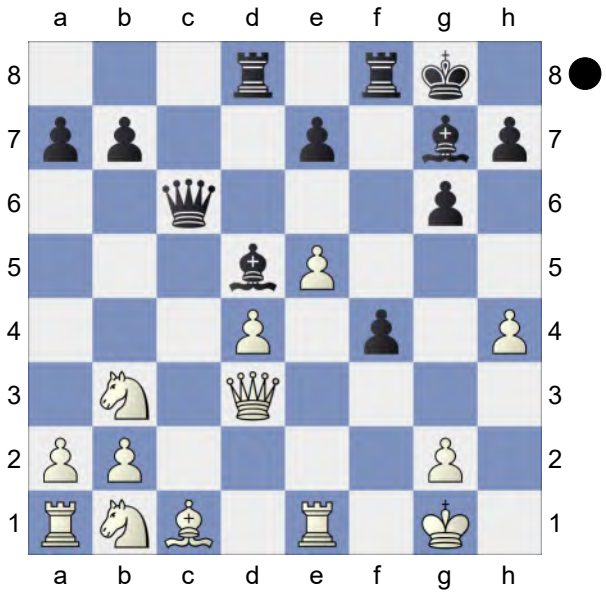
[19.Nc3!= 0.06/22 and White stays safe. e3 20.Bxe3 fxe3 21.Qxe3]

19...Bd5 -1.44/20

[19...f3-+ -3.52/25 and Black stays clearly on top. 20.gxf3 *(20.Bf4 Qxe4 21.Rxe4 Bd5-+)* 20...Bd5]

20.Qd3∓

[20.Qe2 f3 21.gxf3 *(21.Qf2? fxg2* Discovered Attack *22.Bf4 Bh6-+* Pin *)* 21...Rxf3∓ *(21...Bxf3 22.Qh2=)*]



20...f3!

[20...Bxg2 21.Nc3±]

21.Be3 Nc3 would now be deadly.

21...fxg2 -1.03/21 Black is more active.

[21...Qc8 -1.41/24 22.Bf2 *(22.Nc3? Qg4-+)* 22...fxg2]

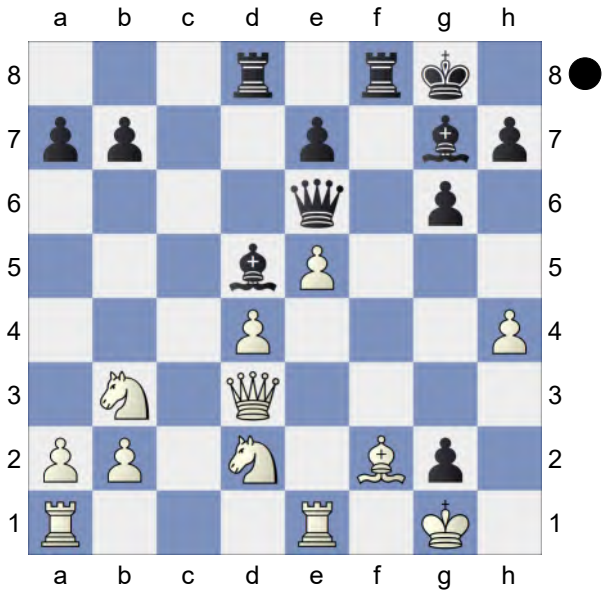
22.N1d2 Qe6 -0.62/25 Really sharp!

[Black should play 22...Qd7∓ -1.17/26 ...Qh3 is the strong threat. 23.e6 Qd6 *(23...Qxe6 24.Bf2=)*]

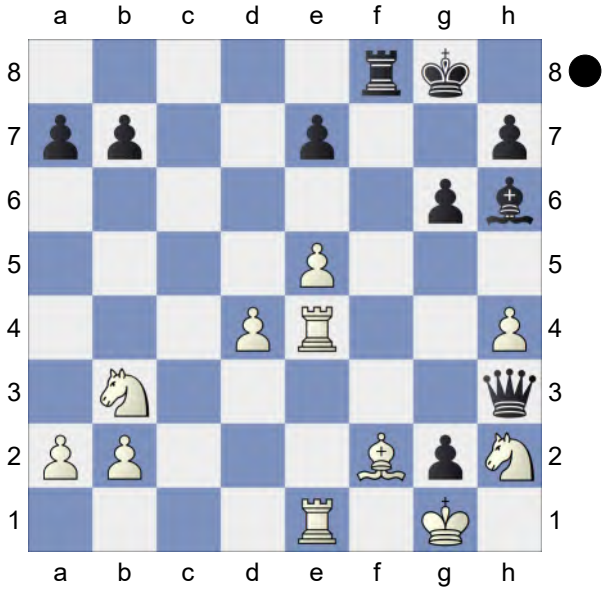
23.Bf2? -4.60/23

[23.Bg5∓ -0.62/25]

(Diagram)



23...Rf3?→ -0.01/26 White needs to defend precisely. **24.Qxf3** -7.60/19
[24.Nxf3= -0.01/26 Qh3 25.Bg3 Qxg3 26.Nbd2]
24...Bxf3-+ Black is clearly winning. **25.Nxf3 Qh3 26.Nh2 Bh6 27.Re4** Wards off Bf4 **27...Rf8 28.Rae1**



Rxf2! Deflection, Promotion **29.Kxf2 Qxh2 30.Rg1 Qh3 31.Re2 a5 32.Rxg2 a4 33.Nd2 Qxh4+ 34.Kf1 Qxd4 35.Nf3 Qd5 36.Rgf2 Qxa2 37.Rc2 Qd5 38.Rc8+ Kg7 39.Kg2 Qe4 40.Rfc2 Qg4+ 41.Kf2 Bf4 42.R2c3 Qg3+ 43.Kf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.39 **43...Bxe5 0-1**

155 **B31**
□ **Kourkoulos Arditis,Stamatis** **2580**
■ **Maurizzi,Marc Andria** **2581**
Prague Challengers 7th (8) 06.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

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(2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 b6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nc3 Nd7 White is slightly better.

9.Be3 e5 9...Nf8 is not played anymore. 9...Sf8 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt.

10.Qd2 Nf8 11.Bh6 Bf6 12.h4N

[12.Nh2 aiming for f4. Ne6 13.Ng4 g5 14.Ne2 Nf4 15.Ng3! White wants to play Nf5. Bxg4 16.hxg4 Rg8 17.Nf5 Bh8 0.78/22 *(17...Ne6= 0.23/23)* 18.g3 1-0 Dardha,D (2449)-Mamedov,R (2654) Chartres Blitz 2020 (9)]

12...Ne6 13.g3 -0.12/19

[13.Ne2± 0.31/19]

13...Rg8 14.Kg2 Bd7 15.a3 Qe7 16.b4 c4 0.89/20

[16...Nd4= -0.07/20]

17.a4 Nd4

[17...Qxb4? 18.Nd5 cxd5 19.Qxb4+-]

18.Rfb1 -0.18/21

[18.dxc4 Nxf3 19.Kxf3 0-0-0=]

[White should play 18.b5!± 0.47/19]

18...Nxf3= 19.Kxf3 g5 0.26/21

[19...Qe6!∓ -0.55/20]

20.hxg5! Bxg5 21.Bxg5 Rxg5

[21...Qxg5 22.Qxg5 Rxg5 23.dxc4 a5]

22.Rh1

[22.Kg2 simplifies Rh5 23.Rh1 Rxh1 24.Rxh1 0-0-0 25.b5]

22...f5

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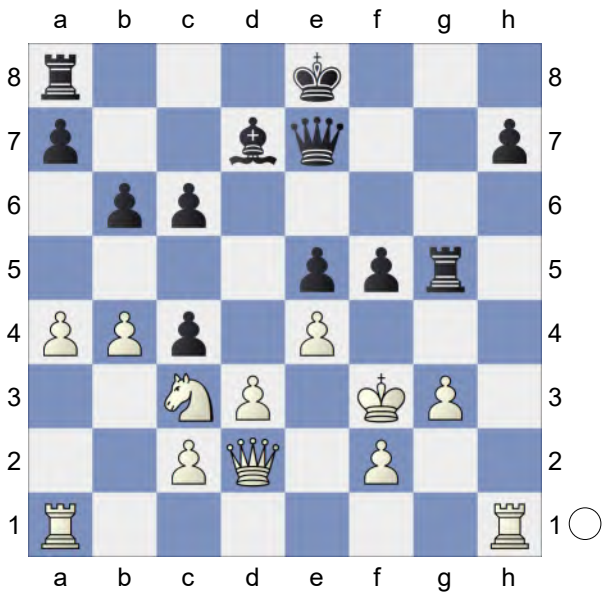


23.exf5

[23.dxc4 f4 24.Kg2 *(24.gxf4? Bg4+ 25.Kg2 exf4-+)* 24...0-0-0∓]

23...Bxf5 0.39/23

[23...0-0-0= 0.01/23]

24.Ne4 -0.01/24

[24.dxc4 Rd8 25.Qe1 Bxc2± *(25...Qxb4 26.Qxe5+ Kf7 27.Qe3±)*]

[24.a5± 0.39/23 0-0-0 *(24...cxd3 25.axb6 e4+ 26.Kg2±)* 25.axb6 axb6 26.Ra6 *(26.Ra8+ Kb7∓)*]

24...Rg6 25.Kg2

[25.dxc4 Rd8 26.Qe3 Rg4∓]

25...0-0-0 26.Rae1 -0.31/24

[26.Qc3!= 0.22/23]

26...Rd4↑ Black has good play. **27.b5** -0.83/22

[27.Re3!= -0.04/22]

27...Qd7 -0.01/21

[27...cxd3∓ -0.83/22 28.cxd3 cxb5 *(28...Rxa4 29.Rh5∓)* 29.Qc2+ Kb7 30.axb5 Rd5]

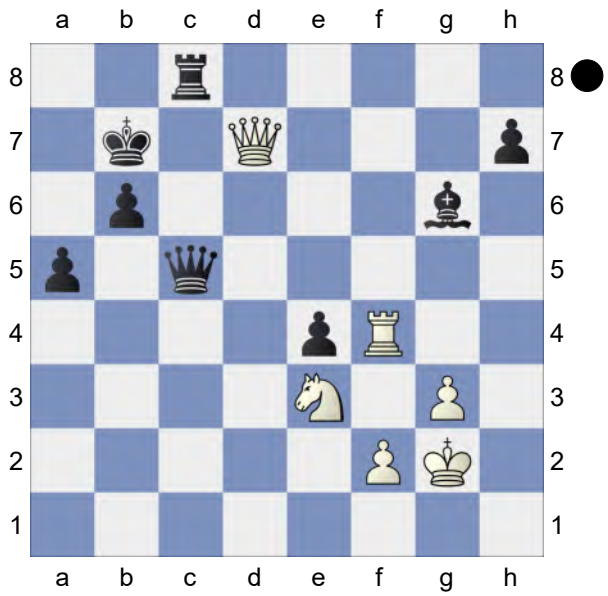
28.bxc6 -1.12/25

[28.Qb4!= -0.01/21 c5 *(28...cxd3 29.Qf8+ Kb7 30.cxd3±)* 29.Nxc5 cxd3 *(29...bxc5 30.Qxc5+ Kb8 31.Rxe5=)* 30.Nxd7 Rxb4 31.Nxe5]

28...Rxc6∓

[28...Qxc6?! 29.Qe2=]
29.Qg5 cxd3 30.cxd3 Rxd3 31.Nf6 -1.86/23
[31.Rh4∓ -1.35/22]
31...Qe6-+ 32.Rh6 -3.24/22
[32.Qg8+∓ -1.23/23 Rd8 33.Qxe6+ Rxe6 34.Nxh7]
32...Bg6 33.Ng4 e4 34.Ne3 Qf7 35.Rh4 Rc5 -2.48/23
[⌓35...Qf3+ -1.99/24 36.Kg1 Rc5]
36.Qh6 Bh5? -0.13/23
[36...Kb7-+ -3.21/23 37.Ng4 Qf3+ 38.Kh2 Bf5]
37.Kg1!= Bg6 38.Rf4 -1.00/23
[38.Kg2!= -0.01/22]
38...Qd7 -0.54/23 Black is more active.
[38...Qe7∓ -1.00/23]
39.Qf8+ -1.52/22
[39.a5!∓ -0.54/23]
39...Kb7∓ 40.Kg2? -3.89/23
[40.Rb1∓ -1.12/22 might work better. Rc8 41.Qb4]
40...Qxa4-+ 41.Qg8 Rc8 42.Qg7+ Rc7 43.Qe5 Rc5 Wards off Nd5 **44.Qe6 Qd7 45.Qf6 Rh5 46.Rh1 Rxh1 47.Kxh1 Rd6 48.Qe5 Qe6 49.Qg5 Rc6 50.Kg2** Prevents Qh3+. **50...a5 51.Qb5 Rc5 52.Qb2 Rc6?** 0.01/21
[52...Qe5-+ -6.43/22 53.Qb1 Ka7]
53.Qd4 -4.57/24
[53.Qb5!= 0.01/21]
53...Qd6 54.Qh8 Rc8 Dodges Rf8 **55.Qb2 Qb4 56.Qg7+ Rc7 57.Qg8 Qc5 58.Qd8** -4.31/22
[⌓58.Rf6 -2.79/24]
58...Rc8 59.Qd7+ Qc7 60.Qd5+ Qc6 61.Qd4 Inhibits Qxd5. **61...Qc5?** 0.01/20
[61...Be8-+ -4.08/22 62.Nf5 e3+ 63.Kh2 Ka6 *(63...e2? 64.Qe5-+)*]
62.Qd7+!=

(Diagram)



Qc7? 0.01/21
[62...Ka6!-+ -2.97/24 63.Rf6 Rc7]
63.Qd5+! Qc6? 0.01/22
[63...Ka6-+ -3.40/22 ...Qe7 would now be deadly. 64.Rf6 Qc5]
64.Qd4! Re8 65.Rf6 Re6 66.Rf8 Re8? -0.01/20
[Better is 66...Bh5-+ -4.62/21 67.Kg1 Be8]
67.Rf6 Re6 Black converts the advantage convincingly. **68.Rf8 a4 69.Rd8?** -4.98/22
[69.Rg8 -2.91/22 Rd6 70.Qh8]
69...Be8 70.Kh2 -7.31/23
[⌓70.Qh8 -4.33/22 Bd7 71.Qxh7]
70...Qc5-+ 71.Qg7+ Qc7 72.Qd4 Qe5 73.Qc4 Bc6 74.Kg2 Qf6 75.Rg8 Qf7 76.Rg5 Rf6 77.Qc2 a3 78.Kg1 a2 79.Qc3 Bd7
[79...Rxf2 80.Rg7 Ba4 81.Rxf7+ Rxf7 82.Qd4±]
80.Nd5 Rc6
[Inferior is 80...Rxf2 81.Qc7+ Ka8 82.Nxb6#]
81.Qb2 Qf3 (→ ...Rh6) **82.Ne3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.36 **82...Rh6**
0-1

156 **B30**
□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
■ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2647**
Masters Open 2024 (5.9) 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 Nh6 7.c3 Nf7 8.d4 Be7 9.Ba3 White has an edge. **9...cxd4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.cxd4 0-0 12.Nc3 d6 13.b4** 0.06/20
[13.Qd2± 0.45/20]
13...d5 The position is equal. **14.Rb1 a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.a4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 e5 18.dxe5**
[18.Re1 feels hotter. Bf5 19.Qc2 Rfa8 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Nd4]
18...Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Nc3 Bf5 21.Qb3+ Qf7 22.Qxf7+ Kxf7 23.Rb7+ Kg6 24.h3 h5 25.Rc7 Rc5 26.Ne2 Ra8 27.Ra1 Rca5 28.Nc3 Rc5 29.Ne2 Rca5 30.Nc3 Rc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

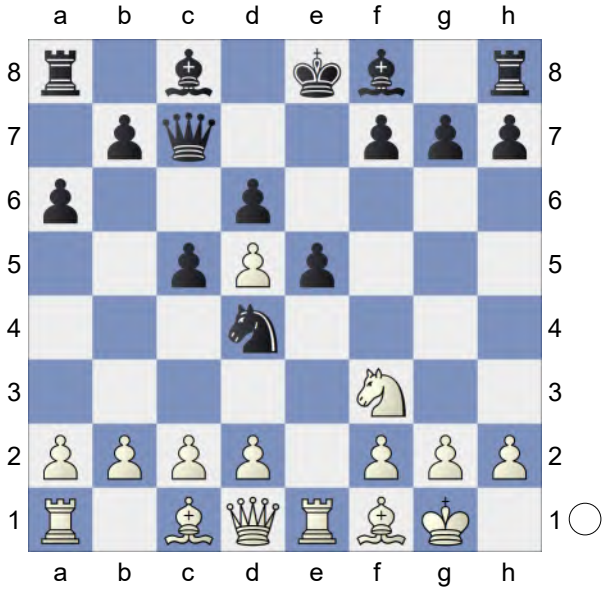
157 **B30**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2646**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8*

25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 a6 7.Bf1 e5 8.Nd5 Repels Be7 **8...Nxd5 9.exd5** White is slightly better. **9...d6** 0.99/27

[9...Bd6± 0.46/24]



9...Nxf3+ is not played anymore. 9...Sxf3+ wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **10.b4!?** 0.49/24 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[10.Nxd4!± 0.99/27 cxd4 11.c3]

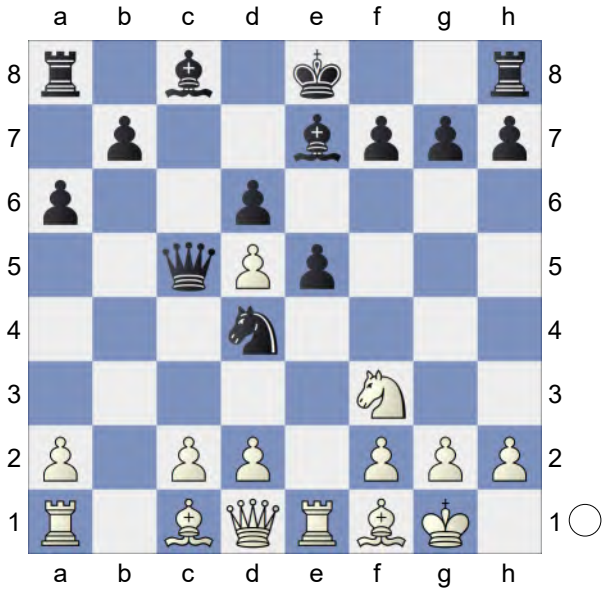
10...Be7 0.92/25

[10...Nxf3+± 0.49/24 was preferable. 11.Qxf3 Bd7]

11.bxc5± Qxc5 1.37/27

[11...Nxf3+ 1.49/25 11...0-0 0.86 12.Qxf3 Qxc5 13.Ba3 0.88/24 *(⌓13.c4* 1.56/25 *)* 13...Qc7? 2.52/26 *(13...Qd4±* 0.88/24 *)* 14.d4+- 0-0 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Qg3 0.78/25 *(16.dxe5+-* 1.74/24 *dxe5 17.Bxh7+* Decoy *Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Qxe5 Qxe5 20.Rxe5)* 16...Bf6± 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Bb2 Bd7 19.Qh4 0.07/26 *(19.Bxe5±* 0.68/29 *dxe5 20.Re2)* 19...g6!= 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 dxe5 22.Qf6 Inhibits Qd6. Re8 1-0 Xiong,J (2692)-Zhigalko,S (2572) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (7)]

[⌓11...0-0 0.92/27]



12.c3! Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 0-0

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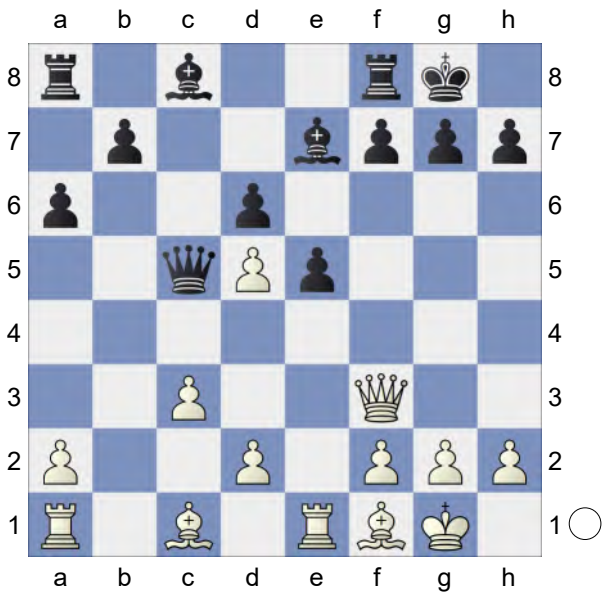
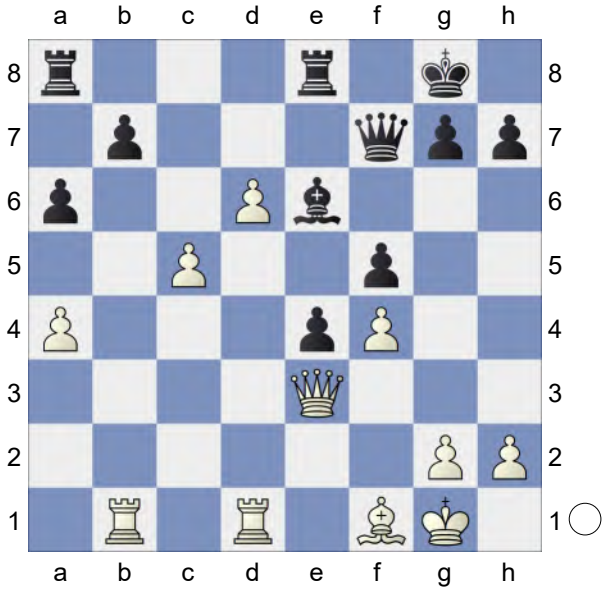
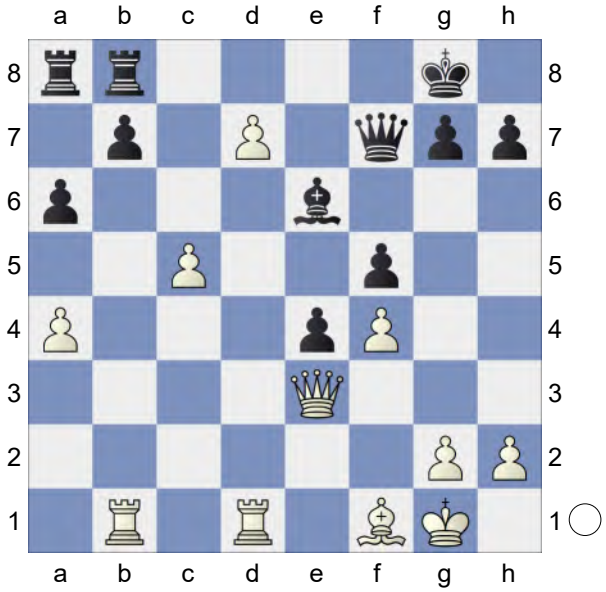


14.d4! Qc7
[14...Qa5 15.Bf4]
15.dxe5 White is more active. **15...dxe5**
16.c4 Re8N 1.70/25
[Vorgänger: 16...Bd7 17.a4 a5 1.75/25 *(17...Bb4± 0.99/25 18.Rd1 Qa5)* 18.Bb2 1.16/25 *(18.Ba3+- 1.75/25 Bxa3 19.Qxa3)* 18...f6± 19.Qb3 0.80/25 *(⌓19.Ba3 1.19/25 Bxa3 20.Rxa3)* 19...Bc5 20.Ba3 Hoping for Bxc5. b6 21.Bd3 Rab8 22.h3 0.05/24 *(22.Bxc5!± 0.70/25 Qxc5 23.Qc2)* 22...Rfc8 0.89/23 ;1-0 Paravyan,D (2586)-Zhigalko,S (2572) Titled Tuesday intern op 20th Dec Early blitz 2022 (4) *(22...f5=* 0.05/24 *)*]
[16...Bd7± 1.27/23]
17.a4 1.23/24
[17.Rb1+- 1.70/25]
17...Bb4± 18.Rd1 e4 19.Bf4 0.48/24
[Better is 19.Qb3± 1.44/24 a5 20.Be2]
Loses the game. **19...Bd6** 2.50/23
[19...Qxc4± 0.48/24 20.Bxc4 exf3 21.gxf3 Bf5]
20.Bxd6+- Qxd6 21.Qe3 f5 22.c5 Qe5 5.96/23
[22...f4 3.33/23 might work better. 23.Qd4 *(23.cxd6 fxe3 24.fxe3 Rd8+-)* 23...Qf6]
23.d6 Be6? 6.58/25
[23...f4 3.44/24 24.Qb3+ Kh8]
24.f4 White is clearly winning. **24...Qf6**
25.Rab1 Qf7



26.d7! Reb8
[26...Bxd7 27.Rxb7]

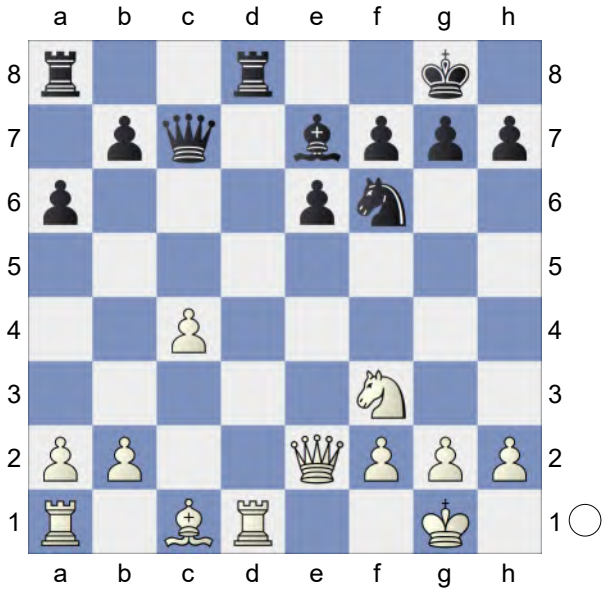


27.Rxb7 Deflection, Promotion
27...Rxb7
[27...Rd8 28.c6]

28.d8Q+
[28.d8B? loses. Rd7 29.Rxd7 Qxd7-+ *(29...Bxd7? 30.Qd4∓)*]
28...Rxd8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=1.24
29.Rxd8+
1-0

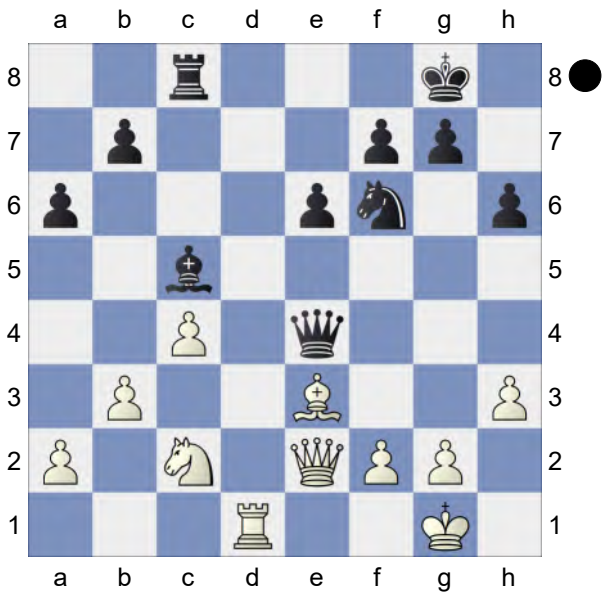
158 **B30**
□ **Duda,J.** **2725**
■ **Ansat,Aldiyar** **2489**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.c3N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4
[7.c4 Qd6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Qxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Ba4]
7...cxd4 8.c4 White is slightly better.
8...Qd6 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Bxc6
[10.Nxc6 simplifies Bxc6 11.Nc3 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Rc8 13.Bxc6+ Rxc6 14.b3]
10...Bxc6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Ncb5 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Qc6 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rd1 a6 16.Nd4 Qc7 17.Nf3 Rfd8



18.Be3 h6 19.h3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rd8 21.Bd4 Qc6 22.b3 Qe4 23.Be3 Rc8 24.Qd3 and Qxe4 should not be overlooked **24...Rd8 25.Qe2 Rc8 26.Ne1 Bc5 27.Nc2**

(Diagram)

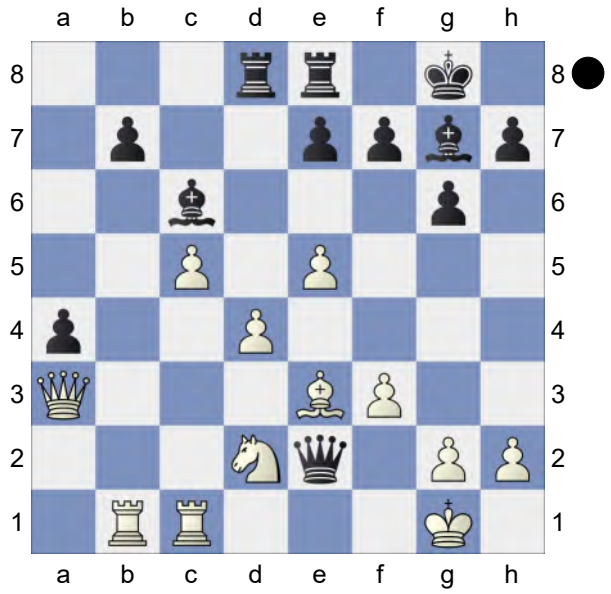


b5! 28.cxb5 axb5 29.Qd2 -0.74/24
[29.Qxb5= -0.01/22 keeps the balance. Qxc2 30.Rc1 Qxa2 31.b4]
29...Nd5 -0.21/23
[Black should try 29...Bf8∓ -0.74/24 30.Rc1 Nd5]
30.Bxc5= Rxc5 31.Ne3 Nxe3 32.Qxe3 Qxe3 33.fxe3 Endgame KR-KR
33...Rc2 34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Rb8 Rxa2 White must now prevent ...Re2. **36.Rxb5 Re2 37.Re5 Rb2 38.Rb5 Re2** -0.01/25
[38...g5∓ -0.46/25]
39.Re5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
39...Rb2
½-½

159 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2792**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2865**
Tata Steel Masters (12.1) 29.01.2022
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Qe2 White has an edge.
11...Bd7 12.Ba4 Rac8 13.Nc3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Qd8 15.Bb3 Na5 16.Rac1 Nxb3 17.axb3 Qb6 0.63/19
[17...b5= 0.19/21]
18.Qa2!± a5 19.Qa3 0.01/20
[White should play 19.c4± 0.52/19]
19...Rfe8= 20.c4 dxc4 21.bxc4 Qa6 22.c5 Black must now prevent d5. Black is weak on the dark squares **22...Bc6 23.Rb1 a4 24.Rec1** -0.39/22

[24.Rb4= 0.30/22]
24...Rcd8 0.23/22
[24...b5!∓ -0.39/22]
25.Nd2 -0.29/22
[⌓25.Rb6 0.23/22 Qa8 26.h3]
25...Qe2 26.f3 -0.73/23
[26.Nf3∓ -0.32/22 is superior.]



26...Rxd4!∓ Deflection. Black is more active. **27.Bxd4 Qxd2 28.Rd1 Qf4 29.Qb4** -1.44/21
[29.Rd3∓ -0.69/22]
29...e6
[Resist 29...Bxe5 30.Bxe5 Qe3+ *(30...Qxe5 31.Rd3∓)* 31.Kh1 Qxe5 32.Re1∓]
This costs White the game. **30.Bc3** -2.51/23
[30.Qa5∓ -1.20/19]
30...Qxb4-+ 31.Bxb4 Bxe5 32.Ba3 Bf6 33.Kf2 Be7 34.Rb6 Rc8 35.Rd2 f6 36.f4 e5 37.fxe5 -2.18/25
[⌓37.Re2 -1.76/24]
37...fxe5 ...Kf7 would now be deadly. **38.Re2** -3.18/22
[38.Rdb2 -2.01/23 might work better.]
38...Rf8+ 39.Ke1 Rf5 40.Rb1 e4 41.Rc1 Bh4+ 42.g3 Bg5 43.Rb1 -5.17/24
[⌓43.Rc4 -3.37/22 e3 44.Rg4]
43...Rf3 Black is clearly winning. **44.Bc1 Bf6 45.Rb6 Rf5 46.Ba3 Kf7 47.Rf2 Rf3 48.Rxf3 exf3 49.Kf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.18 (very precise) **49...Bd4**
0-1

160 **B31**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2864**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu**
Oslo Esports Cup rapid (4.1) 25.04.2022
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5

22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 Qc7 0.79/20

[8...Ne8± 0.31/21 should be considered.]

9.e5!± Nd5 10.Nbd2 0.31/21

[Better is 10.c4± 0.74/21 Nb6 11.Qe2]

10...Nf4 White is slightly better. **11.Ne4 Bxe5 12.Nxe5**

[12.Nxc5 Bg7=]

12...Qxe5 13.Nc3 Qc7 14.Bxf4 Qxf4 15.Rxe7 Bxh3! ...Qg5 would now be deadly. **16.Rxb7 Bc8 17.Re7 Be6 18.Qc1**

[18.Qf3 Qxf3 19.gxf3 Rfc8 20.b3]

18...Qh4

[18...Qf6 simplifies 19.Rb7 Rfb8 20.Rxb8+ Rxb8 21.Rb1 Qd4]

19.Rc7 c4 20.dxc4 Qxc4 21.Qe3 Bd5 1.10/24 Dodges Ne4

[21...Qb4± 0.56/25]

22.Nxd5

[22.Rxa7?! Rxa7 23.Qxa7 Bxg2=]

22...Qxd5 23.Rxa7 Rae8 2.10/26

[23...Rxa7± 1.13/24 was called for. 24.Qxa7 Qe5]

24.Re7 0.72/22

[24.Qc3+- 2.10/26]

24...Rxe7 25.Qxe7 Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. **25...Qd4 26.c3 Qd2 27.Qb7 Re8! 28.Qxc6 Re1+ 29.Rxe1 Qxe1+±** KQ-KQ. White is two pawns up. **30.Kh2 Qxf2 31.Qe8+ Kg7 32.Qe5+ f6! 33.Qe7+ Kh6** 1.08/24

[33...Kg8!= 0.24/24 keeps the balance.]

34.b4± Qf4+ 1.56/26

[⌓34...g5 0.84/25]

35.Kg1! Qc1+ 2.36/27

[35...g5± 1.36/25]

36.Kf2+- Qd2+ 4.59/22

[36...Qf4+ 2.15/23 37.Kg1 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Qf4+ 39.Kh3 Qf5+ 40.Kg3 Qg5+ *(40...Qd3+ 41.Kh2±)* 41.Kf2 Qf4+]

37.Qe2? 0.85/26

[37.Kf3!+- 4.59/22 is the precise move to win. Qe3+ is the strong threat. Qd5+ 38.Kg3 *(38.Qe4 Qxa2 39.c4 Kg7±)* 38...Qg5+ *(38...Qd3+ 39.Kf2=)* 39.Kf2 Qf4+ 40.Ke2 Qg4+ 41.Kd3 Qxg2 42.Qxf6 Qxa2 43.Qh4+ Kg7 44.Qd4+ Kh6 45.Qf4+ *(45.b5 Kh5±)* 45...g5 46.Qf8+ Kh5 47.Qe8+ Kh4 48.Qe4+ Kg3 49.Qe3+ *(49.Qxh7? Qb1+* Skewer *50.Kc4 Qxh7-+)* 49...Kh4 50.Qe1+ Kg4 51.Qe4+ Kg3]

37...Qf4+± 38.Qf3 Qd2+ 39.Kg3 Kg7 40.a4 0.35/25

[40.Qb7++- 1.66/24 Kh6 41.Qc6]

40...Qg5+? 2.30/29

[40...g5± 0.35/25]

41.Kf2+- Qd2+ 42.Qe2 Qxc3 43.Qe7+ Kg8 44.a5 0.95/25

[44.Qd8++- 2.42/24 and White stays clearly on top. Kg7 45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.a5]

44...Qd2+± 45.Kg3 0.41/23

[45.Kf3!± 1.01/25]

45...g5 0.95/24

[45...Qd3+± 0.41/23 46.Kh2 Qd4]

46.Qxf6 Qe1+ 47.Qf2 Qxb4 48.Qf5! Qe1+

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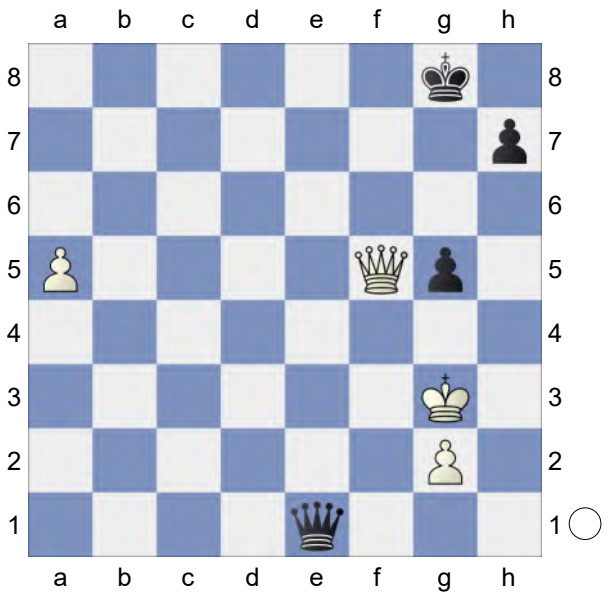

49.Kg4! White now steadily converts the win. **49...Qb4+?** 3.56/26
[49...Qd1+= 0.24/21 and Black is okay. 50.Kxg5 Qd8+ 51.Kh5 Qe8+ 52.Kg4 Qe2+ 53.Kh4 Qe1+ 54.Kg5 Qd2+ 55.Kh5 Qe1 56.Qg5+ Kh8 57.Qd8+ Kg7 58.Qd4+ Kg8]
50.Kxg5+- Qd2+ 51.Kh5 Qd6 52.g3 Qc6 Inhibits Qc8+. **53.Kg5 Kg7 54.Qe5+ Kf7 55.Qf4+ Kg7 56.Qd4+ Kg8 57.Qb6** Against Qb5+. Active counter play! **57...Qd5+ 58.Kf6 Qf3+?** 7.05/25
[58...Qf7+ 3.67/25 59.Ke5 Qh5+ 60.Kf4 Qd5]
59.Ke7 Qa3+ 60.Qd6 Qf3 61.a6 Qf7+ 62.Kd8 Qa2 63.Kc7 Qf7+ 64.Kb6 Qb3+ 65.Ka7 Qf7+ 66.Ka8 Qf3+ 67.Kb8 Qb3+

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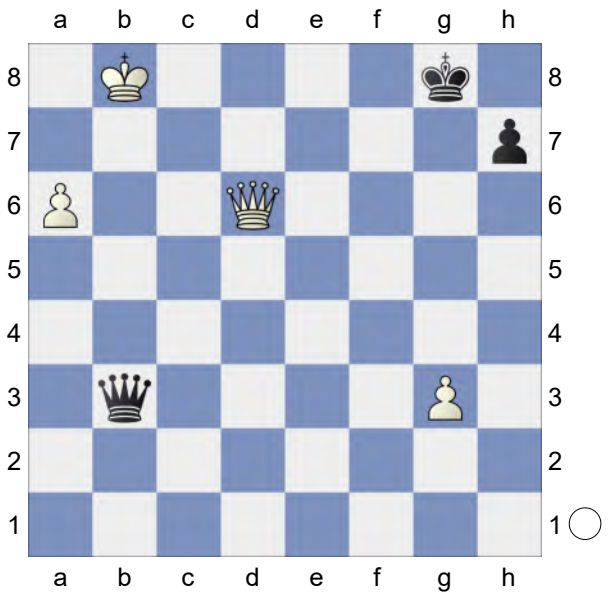


68.Kc8! Qc4+ 69.Kb7 Intending Qd8+ and mate. **69...Qb3+ 70.Qb6 Qf3+ 71.Ka7 Qa3 72.Ka8 Kg7 73.a7 Qf8+ 74.Kb7** White mates. **74...Qf3+ 75.Qc6 Qb3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.50 **76.Kc8**
1-0

161 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2791**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2766**
chess.com Speed 2021 blitz (1.18)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3

Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.Nc3 Nf7 11.Be3 d6 12.Rc1 White is more active. **12...Bg4 13.h3 Bd7 14.Ne2** White is better. **14...Qa5 15.a3 Rab8 16.Qc2 e5 17.Red1** 0.43/21

[17.dxe5± 0.87/20 fxe5 18.b4]

17...h6 1.15/20

[17...Be6± 0.43/21]

18.dxe5 fxe5 19.Rd2 0.52/21

[19.b4± 1.08/21 Qa6 *(19...Qxa3? 20.Ra1+-* Skewer *)* 20.Nh4]

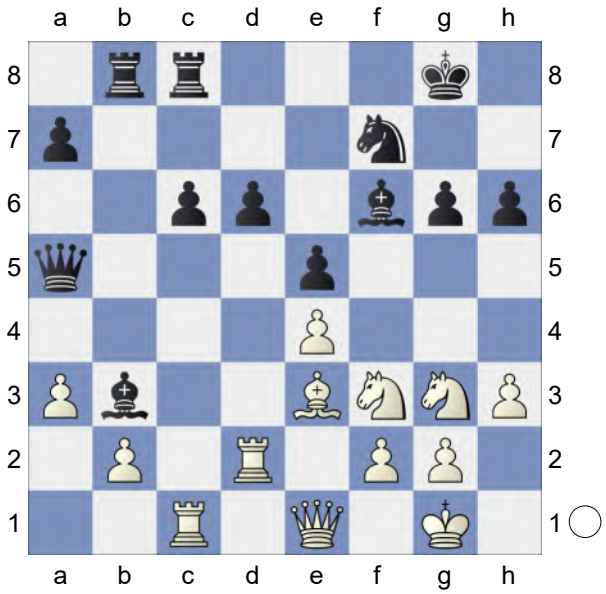
19...Rfc8 20.Ng3 Be6 21.Qd1 Bb3 22.Qe1 -0.31/21

[22.Qe2± 0.38/23 Be6 23.h4]

22...Bf6 0.79/22

[22...d5∓ -0.31/21 stays ahead. 23.Bc5 d4]

(Diagram)



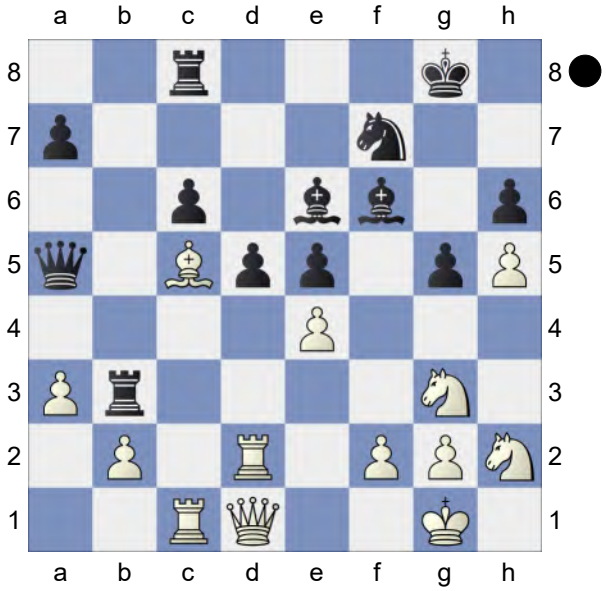
23.h4!± Be6 24.h5 g5 25.Nh2 d5 1.34/21

[25...Be7± 0.43/20]

26.Bc5 Rb3 2.35/22

[26...Qc7± 1.15/20]

27.Qd1



Rbb8 2.94/21

[⌓27...d4 1.86/21]

28.b4+- Qd8

[28...Qxa3 29.Ra1 Qc3 30.exd5 *(30.Rxa7 Ra8±)* 30...cxd5 31.Rxa7±]

29.Ng4

[Don't play 29.Bxa7?! Ra8±]
29...d4 30.Nf5 Bxf5 3.97/24
[⌓30...Rb7 2.72/21 31.Qf3 *(31.Ngxh6+ Nxh6 32.Nxh6+ Kg7±)* 31...Bg7]
31.exf5 Kg7 32.Bxa7 Ra8 33.Bc5 Rxa3 34.b5 Ra5 35.bxc6 Qd5 Wards off Qb3 **36.Rdc2 d3 37.Ne3 Qb3 38.Rd2** 1.39/23
[38.Qd2+- 3.94/21]
38...Qxd1+± 39.Rdxd1 e4
[39...Rxc6? 40.Bf8+ Kxf8 41.Rxc6+-]
40.c7 aiming for Bb6. This move loses the game for Black. **40...Be5?** 3.73/23
[40...Rxc7? too greedy. 41.Bf8+ Kxf8 42.Rxc7+-]
[40...Bb2± 1.02/22]
41.Bb6+- Rb5 42.Rc6 Rxb6? 5.97/23
[42...Kf8 3.26/19 43.Nc4 Rxb6 44.Rxb6 Bxc7]
43.Rxb6 White is clearly winning.
43...Rxc7 44.Rg6+ Kh7 45.Ng4 Bd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.67 **46.Re6**
1-0

162 **B31**
□ **Goryachkina,A..** **2553**
■ **Vachier Lagrave,M..** **2732**
Titled Tue 13th Feb Late (2) 13.02.2024
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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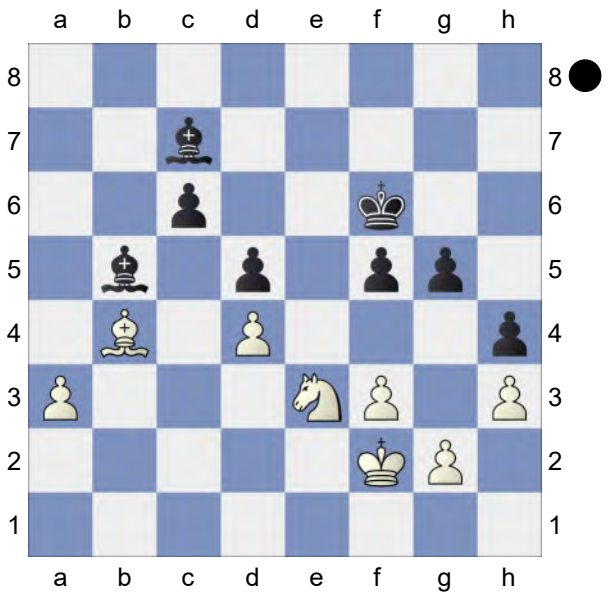
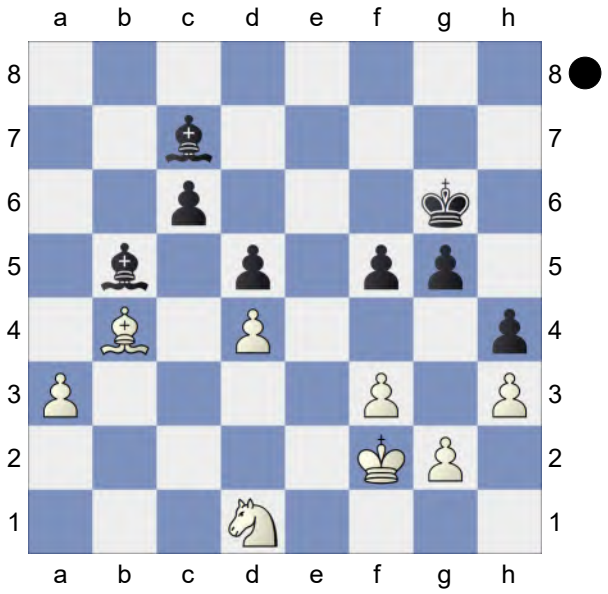
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Nbd2 White is slightly better. **12...Rb8 13.Qc1 Qb6 14.b3 f6 15.exf6 exf6 16.Qa3** -0.35/22
[16.Nxe4= 0.18/20 Bxe4 17.Bf4]
16...Rfe8∓ 17.Rac1 Bf8 18.Qb2 Bd6 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.Nd2 Re6 21.Nf1 h5 0.09/24
[21...g5∓ -0.53/23]
22.Bd2 Rbe8 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Re1 White is weak on the light squares **24...Rxe1 25.Bxe1 h4 26.h3 Kf7 27.Bc3** -0.68/21
[27.Ne3= -0.25/21]
27...Qa6 28.Qd2 g5 0.01/23 Black is much more active.

[28...Qd3∓ -0.88/23]
29.Ne3 -0.56/25
[29.Bb4= 0.01/23 Bf4 30.Qc3]
29...Bf4 A strong pair of Bishops.
30.Bb4 Kg6 0.01/25
[30...Qd3∓ -0.67/26]
31.Bc5 Be4 32.a3 -0.35/27
[32.a4= 0.01/25]
32...Qb5 33.Bb4 a5 34.Bxa5 Qxb3 35.Bb4 Qb1+
[35...Bb8 simplifies 36.Qc1 Qb1 37.Qxb1 Bxb1 38.Bc5 Bc7]
36.Qe1 -0.76/27
[36.Qd1∓ -0.38/28]
36...Qa2 0.01/20
[36...Qxe1+∓ -0.76/27 37.Bxe1 Bc7]
37.Qd2 -0.84/27
[37.Ng4= 0.01/20]
37...Qa1+ -0.37/24
[37...Qxd2∓ -0.84/27 38.Bxd2 Bb8]
38.Qd1 Qxd1+ 39.Nxd1 Endgame KBB-KBN **39...Bc2 40.Ne3 Ba4 41.Bc5 Bb5 42.Nc2 Kf5 43.f3 Bg3 44.Ne3+ Ke6 45.Nd1 Be1** 0.01/26
[45...Bc7∓ -0.39/27]
46.Ne3 -0.43/24
[46.Bb4= 0.01/26 Bg3 47.Nc3]
46...f5 -0.01/28
[46...Ba4∓ -0.43/24]
47.Bb4= Bg3 48.Nf1 -0.90/28
[48.Nd1= -0.01/27 keeps the balance.]
48...Bc7 -0.48/28
[48...Bb8∓ -0.90/28 ...Ba7 would now be deadly. 49.Nd2 Ba4]
49.Kf2 -1.78/27
[49.Bc5∓ -0.48/28]
49...Kf6 -0.66/27
[49...Bb6-+ -1.78/27 50.Bc5 Bxc5 51.dxc5 Bxf1 52.Kxf1 d4]
50.Ne3 -1.08/25
[50.Bc5∓ -0.66/27 is superior.]



50...Kg6 -0.41/27
[Black should play 50...Bb6!∓ -1.08/25 51.Bc3 Ke6]
51.Nd1? -1.92/28
[White should play 51.Bc5!∓ -0.41/27]



51...Bb6!-+ 52.Ke3 -6.18/27
[52.Bc3 -1.82/25]
52...f4+ Black is clearly winning. **53.Kd2 Bxd4 54.Nc3 Bf1 55.a4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.25 (precise) **55...Bxg2**
0-1

163 **B30**
□ **Malakhov,Vladimir** **2646**
■ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2617**
AI Cup Play In rapid (3) 18.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6! outshines the older 6...Qb6. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Db6. **7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0** The position is equal. **9.c4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4** -0.01/19
[10.Qxd4± 0.36/23 b6 11.Nc3]
10...b6= 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Qd2 f5 13.exf5 Nh4 14.f3 Rxf5N An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 14...Nxf5 15.Bf2 Bc5 0.46/20 *(15...Bg5=* -0.08/18 *16.f4 Be7)* 16.Rad1± and Bxc5! should not be overlooked Bc6 17.Bd3 Qe7 18.Be4 Rad8 19.Rfe1 Bxe4 20.Nxe4 Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 ½-½ Ni,H (2674)-Cheparinov,I (2679) CHN-chT China 2019 (11.4)]
15.Rad1 Rg5 16.g3 -0.51/21
[16.Rf2= 0.21/20]
16...Qc7∓ 17.Bf2 Rd8
[17...Bxf3?! 18.Qxd7 Qxd7 19.Rxd7±]
18.Ne4 Rg6 19.Qd3 -0.75/20
[19.Kh1= -0.29/18 Nf5 20.Rc1]
19...Bc6 20.Be1 -1.70/18
[20.Kh1∓ -0.57/19 Nf5 21.Rfe1]
20...Rf8? -0.19/17
[20...Nf5!-+ -1.70/18 21.Bf2 d5 22.cxd5 exd5]
21.b4!= d5 22.cxd5 exd5 0.37/21
[22...Bxd5∓ -0.40/20 23.a3 Qe5]
23.Nc3± Bxb4 0.56/19
[23...d4= 0.11/22 might be stronger. 24.Nb5 *(24.Qxd4 Nxf3+ 25.Bxf3 Bxf3=)* 24...Qd7]
24.Nxd5 Bc5+ 25.Kh1 -0.72/24
[25.Bf2!± 0.46/23 Bxd5 *(25...Rxg3+ 26.Kh1=)* 26.Qxd5+ Kh8 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.f4]
25...Qf7!∓ 26.Qb3? -4.50/24
[26.gxh4∓ -0.45/21 Rd6 27.Qb3 Bxd5 28.Rxd5 Rxd5 *(28...Qxd5? 29.Bc4+-* Pin *)* 29.Bc4]

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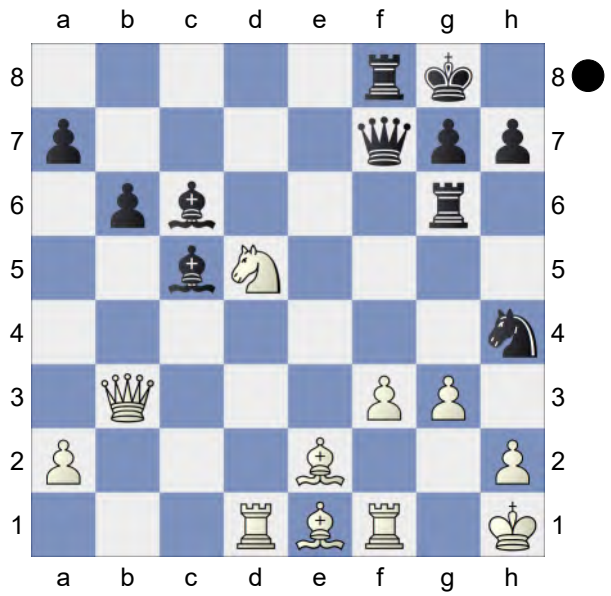
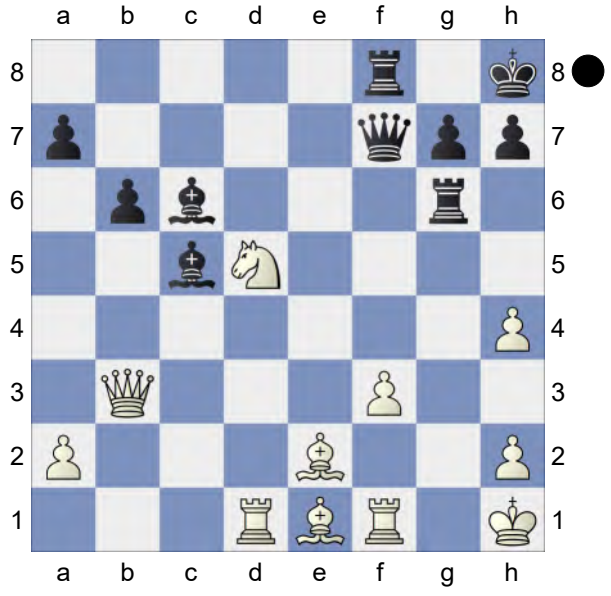
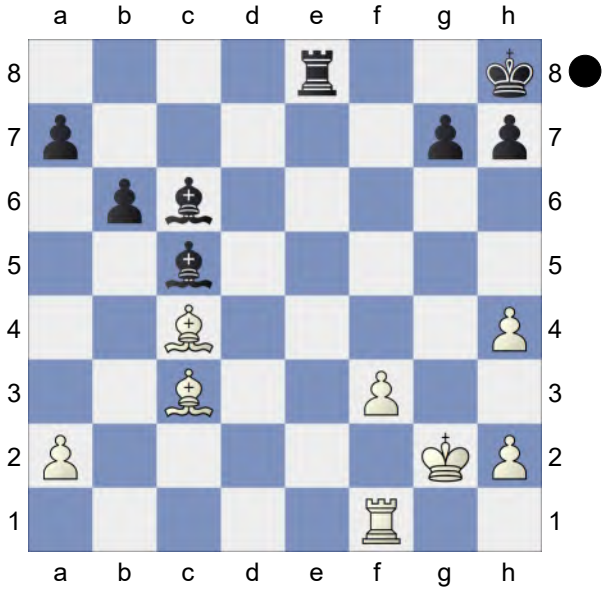


26...Kh8? -0.60/24
[Black should play 26...Re6!-+ -4.50/24 27.Bc4 *(27.Bb5 Bxb5)* 27...Nxf3]
27.gxh4? -3.53/26
[27.Bb4!∓ -0.60/24 Bxd5 28.Rxd5]



27...Qe6? -1.12/21
[27...Qf5!-+ -3.53/26 is more deadly. 28.Bc3 *(28.Bg3? Rxg3 29.Qd3 Qh3-+)* 28...Qh3]
28.Nf4 Rxf4→ Black goes for the king.
29.Rd8+ Rf8 Really sharp! Black is much more active. **30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Qxe6 Rxe6 32.Bc4 Re3 33.Kg2 Bc5** -0.44/21
[33...b5∓ -1.23/21 34.Bb3 b4]
34.Bd2!∓ Re8 35.Bc3? -7.09/20
[35.Kg3∓ -0.49/20]



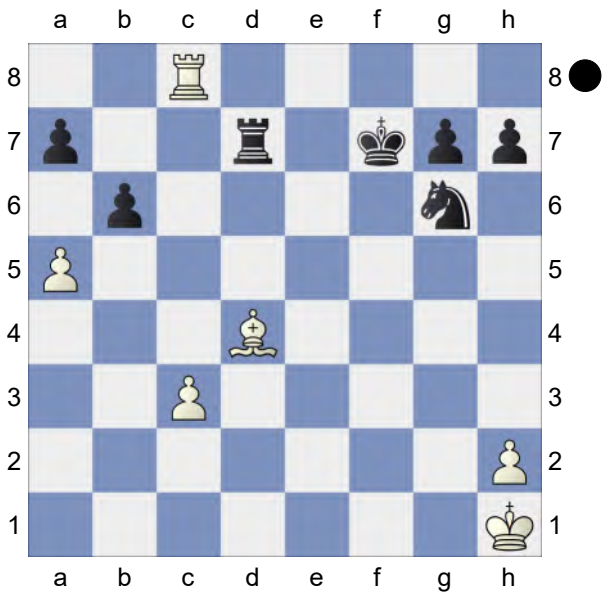
35...b5!-+ 36.Bb3 b4 37.Ba1 Re2+ 38.Kg3 Bd6+ 39.f4 Rg2+ 40.Kh3 Rg6 41.Rf2 Wards off Bg2+ **41...Rg1?** -0.69/24
[41...h5-+ -3.78/24 and ...Bxf4! should not be overlooked 42.f5 Rg4]
42.h5? -7.98/22 **Rxa1 43.f5 Re1 44.f6 Re3+ 45.Kh4 gxf6** (→ ...Bd7) **46.h6 Re4+** -20.83/35
[⌓46...Bd7 -#7/17 47.Be6 Bxe6 48.Rxf6 Be7 Pin *(48...Bxh2? 49.Rf8+ Bg8 50.Rd8-+)* 49.Kg5 Rf3 Pin *(49...Bxf6+ 50.Kxf6 Bxa2 51.Kf5 b3 52.Kf4 Re8 53.h4 b2 54.Kg4 b1Q 55.h5 Qg1+ 56.Kf3 Qf1+ 57.Kg3 Rg8+ 58.Kh4 Qh1#)* 50.Kh5 Bxf6 *(50...Rxf6?* leads to mate. *51.h4 Rg6 52.a4 Bg4#)* 51.h4 Rg3 52.a4 Bg4#]
47.Kh3 Bd7+ 48.Kg2 Weighted Error

Value: White=0.79/Black=0.78 **48...Rg4+ 0-1**

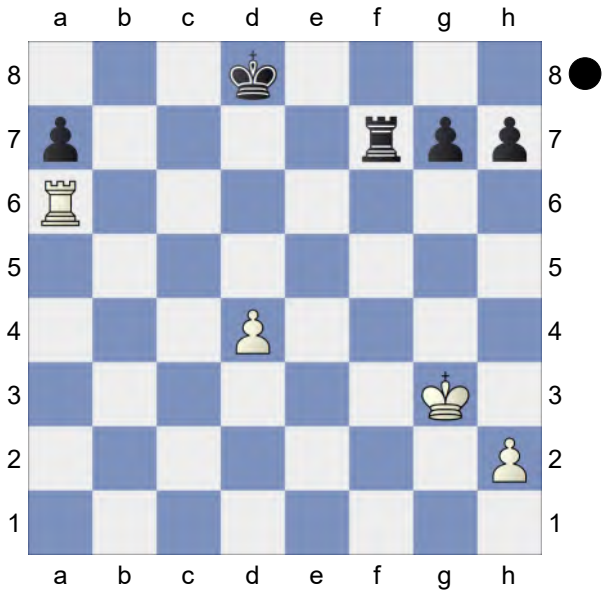
164 **B30**
□ **Predke,Alexandr** **2684**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2630**
Airthings Masters Div 2 L rapid (5.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6! is now more promising than 6...Qb6. im Vergleich zu 6...Db6 vielversprechender. **7.Be3 Be7 8.c3 0-0** White has an edge. **9.a4N**
[Vorgänger: 9.Nd2 a6 10.Be2 Nxd4 11.cxd4 b5 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Qh5 Qe8 14.Rfe1 f6 15.Rad1 1-0 (42) Volokitin,A (2645)-Gukesh,D (2732) Mayrhofen 2022]
9...Qc7 10.Nd2 b6 11.f4 Bb7 12.Qh5 -0.01/20
[12.f5± 0.46/20 is superior. Nxd4 13.Bxd4 *(13.cxd4 exf5 14.Rxf5 d5±)*]
12...Nxd4= 13.cxd4 f5 14.Rac1 Qd8 15.Bd3 Nh4 16.g3 fxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Nxe4 Nf5 19.Bf2 Rc8 0.01/23
[19...d5∓ -0.35/23 20.Nc3 Bf6]
20.Nc3 Bb4 21.d5 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Qf6 23.g4 Qh6 24.Qg5 Qxg5 25.fxg5 Ne7 26.dxe6 dxe6 27.Rfe1 Rc6 28.Bd4 Ng6 29.Re3 -1.87/23
[29.Rcd1∓ -0.45/21]
29...Rf4-+ 30.Rce1 Rxg4+ 31.Kh1 Kf7 -0.36/24
[31...Rxg5-+ -1.80/27 White must now prevent ...e5!. 32.Rxe6 Rxe6 33.Rxe6 Ra5]
32.Rf3+ Kg8 0.01/21
[Better is 32...Ke8∓ -0.66/23 33.Bxg7 Rxg5]
33.Rfe3= Rxg5 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.Rxe6-+ Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **35...Rd5** -0.62/25
[35...Ra5-+ -1.96/25 36.Rc6 Ne7 *(36...Rxa4 37.Rc8+ Nf8 38.Kg2∓)*]
36.Rc6!∓ Rd7 Dodges Rc7 **37.Rc8+** -1.21/24
[⌓37.a5 -0.75/25]
37...Kf7∓ 38.a5

(Diagram)



Deflection **38...bxa5** -0.18/25
[38...Ne7∓ -0.86/23 39.Ra8 bxa5 40.Bxa7 Rd1+ 41.Kg2 Nc6]
39.Rc5= Ne7 40.Rxa5 Nc6 41.Ra6 Nxd4 42.cxd4 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **42...Ke8 43.Kg2 Rf7**
[43...Rxd4 44.Rxa7 Rd2+ 45.Kg1=]
44.Rd6 Ke7 45.Ra6 Kd8 46.Kg3 -1.40/25
[46.h4∓ -0.65/28]



46...Kc8!∓ 47.Ra1? -3.42/24
[47.d5∓ -1.24/25]
47...Kb7-+ 48.Rb1+? -4.98/27
[48.Re1 -2.77/24 keeps fighting.]
48...Kc6 Black is clearly winning. **49.Ra1 Kb5** Prevents Ra5+. **50.d5 a5 51.Rd1 Kc5 52.d6** d7 is the strong threat. **52...Kc6 53.Ra1 Ra7**
[53...Kxd6 54.Rxa5 Kc6 55.Rh5=]
54.Rd1 a4 55.Kf4 a3 56.Rd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.16 (very precise) **56...Kd7**
0-1

165 **B31**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2654**
■ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2649**
Wch Blitz Almaty (10) 29.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A

(2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.a4 a5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1!? White is slightly better. A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

8...Bg4N

[Data server:: 8...Qc7 9.e5 Nd5 10.h3 Prevents Bg4 0-0 11.Bd2 Be6 12.Qe2 b6 13.Nc3 Bf5 14.Nh4 Be6 ½-½ (35) Lebedev,V (2458)-Serner,A (2412) ICCF email 2020]

9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 e5 12.Bg5 Qc7 13.Qc1 Nf8 14.Bh6 f6 15.Be3 Ne6 16.c3 Rd8 0.83/24

[16...0-0± 0.47/21]

17.Qc2± 0-0 18.Rad1 f5 19.Qb3 Qf7 20.Qb6 White is more active. Loses the game. **20...f4?** 3.20/21

[Black should try 20...Qe7!± 0.61/23]

21.Bxc5+- Rfe8 22.d4

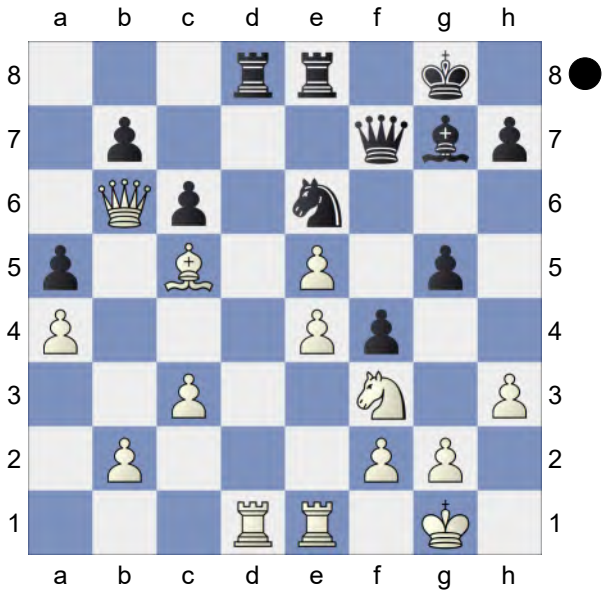
[22.Qxa5 Ra8 23.Qb4 Nxc5+-]

22...g5 23.dxe5

[23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.dxe5 f3+-]

[23.Qxa5 Ra8 24.Qb6 Nxc5+-]

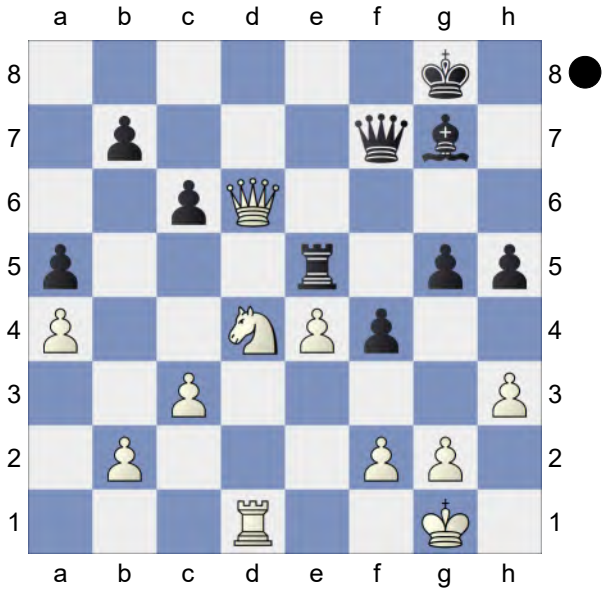
(Diagram)



23...Rxd1 24.Rxd1 h5 25.Nd4

[Not 25.Qxa5 g4+-]

25...Nxc5 26.Qxc5 Rxe5 27.Qd6



Rxe4 28.Qd8+ Kh7 7.03/25

[⌓28...Qf8 4.39/24 29.Qxg5 Re5]

29.Qxg5 Strongly threatening Nf3.

[Inferior is 29.Qxa5 g4=]

29...Qg6? 7.57/23

[29...Qd5 3.76/23 30.Qxd5 cxd5]

30.Nf3 Rxa4 31.Qe7 Qf5 32.Rd7 31.51/28

[⌓32.Ng5+ #19/29 Qxg5 33.Qxg5 Rd4 34.cxd4 Bh6 35.Qf5+ *(35.Qxa5*

Bf8 36.Qf5+ Kh6 37.Re1 Kg7 38.Re6 Kg8 39.Rg6+ Bg7 40.Qf6 Kh8 41.Qxg7#) 35...Kg7 36.Re1 *(36.Qxa5 f3+-)* 36...h4 37.Re7+ *(37.Qxa5 Kg6 38.Re6+ Kg7 39.Qc7+ Kf8 40.Rf6+ Ke8 41.Rxh6 Kf8 42.Rh8#)* 37...Kg8 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Qf7#]

32...Ra1+ 33.Kh2 Qg6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/Black=0.90 **34.Nh4 1-0**

166 **B30**
□ **Gazi,Miroslav** **2754**
■ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito** **2855**
109/(48) Russia (1) 07.09.2021
[Chess Archives 1964,TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

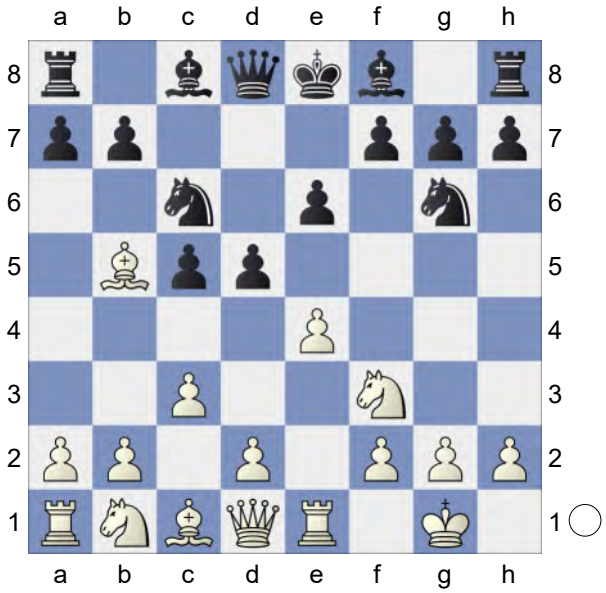
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...Ng6

[5...b6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bb7 8.Nc3 a6 9.Bf1 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Nc6 11.Qe3 Qc7]

6.c3 d5 0.69/23

[6...Be7 0.33/25]



7.h4!± White is more active. **7...a6**

[7...dxe4 8.Rxe4 Bd6 9.h5 Nge7 10.h6! gxh6 11.d4]

8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.h5 White is better.

9...Nf4 10.d4 0.61/23

[10.exd5 Nd3 *(10...Nxd5 11.d3 h6 12.Nbd2 Be7 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Ndc4; 10...cxd5?* 4.31/24 10...Nd3 0.92 *11.Qa4+)* 11.Re3!

A) 11...Nxc1 12.Qa4 *(12.dxe6* 0.26/26 *12.Qa4 1.07 Bxe6*

13.Qxc1 Bd6) 12...Qxd5 13.Na3 Nd3 14.Rxd3! Qxd3 15.Qxc6+ Qd7 16.Qxa8 Qb7 17.Qxb7 Bxb7 18.Nc4;

B) 11...Qxd5 12.c4!

B1) 12...Qxc4 2.33/24

12...Qd8 0.95 13.Nc3 Nxc1 14.Rxc1

B1a) 14...Qg4 3.09/23

14...Qf4 1.95 15.h6 Be7 *(15...gxh6 16.Ne4 Qg7* Inhibits Nf6+. *17.Nxc5)* 16.Ne4 0-0 17.Rc4;

B1b) 14...Qf4 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.g3 Qf5 17.Nxc6 Bb7? 6.14/25 *(17...Bd7 2.53/27 18.Ne4 Qd5)* 18.Ne4+- *(18.Na5 Bd5 19.Qa4+)* 18...Qd5 19.Na5;

B2) 12...Qd8

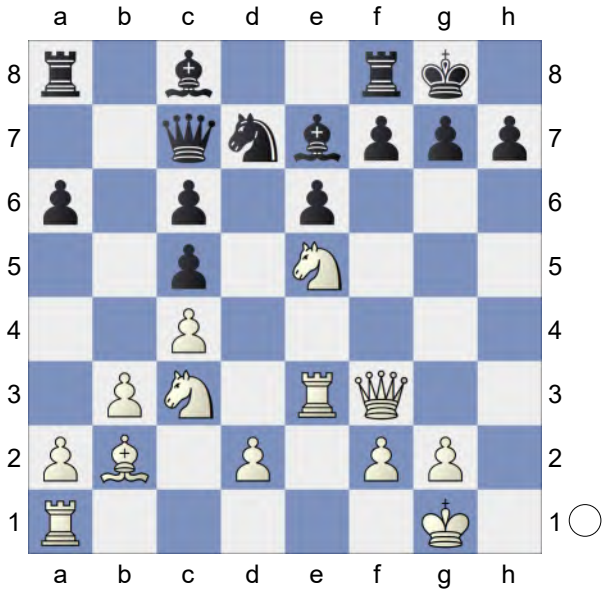
B2a) 13.Qa4 Nxc1 14.Nc3 Nxa2 1.48/25 *(14...Nd3 15.Rxd3! Qxd3 16.Qxc6+ Qd7 17.Qxa8; 14...Nd3± 0.66/24)* 15.Rxa2± Bd7 16.h6! g6 *(16...gxh6 17.Ne5 Qc7 18.f4! Bg7 19.Ne4)* 17.Ne4 f6 Repels Ne5 *(17...Be7 18.Qa3 0-0 19.Nxc5)* 18.Qa3 0.92/26 *(18.Raa3* 1.44/26 *)* 18...e5 1.39/24 *(⌓18...Bxh6 0.92/26 19.Nd6+ Kf8)*;

B2b) 13.Nc3 Be7 14.Qc2 Nf4

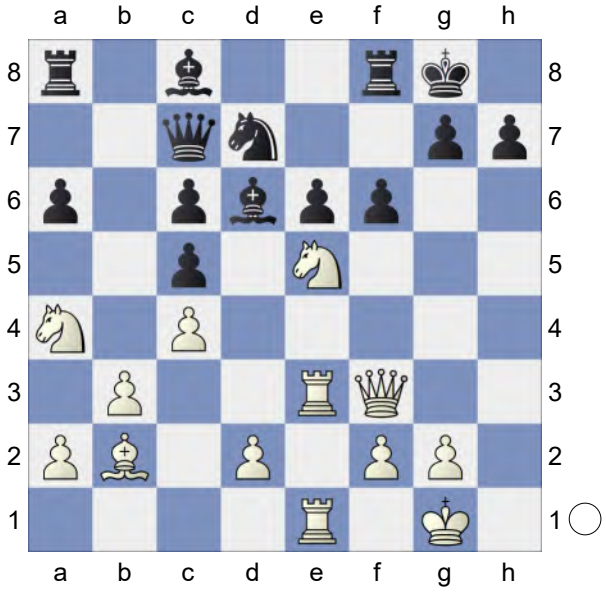
B2b1) 15.Qe4 Qc7 *(15...Nxh5* 1.07/26 15...Qc7 0.68 *16.Ne5! Qc7)*;

B2b2) 15.h6 0.62/25 15.Qe4 0.99 gxh6 16.Qe4 0.32/25 *(16.b3± 0.86/24)* 16...Ng6;

B2b3) 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Qe4! Nxh5 17.Qf3 Nf6 18.b3 0-0 19.Bb2 Nd7

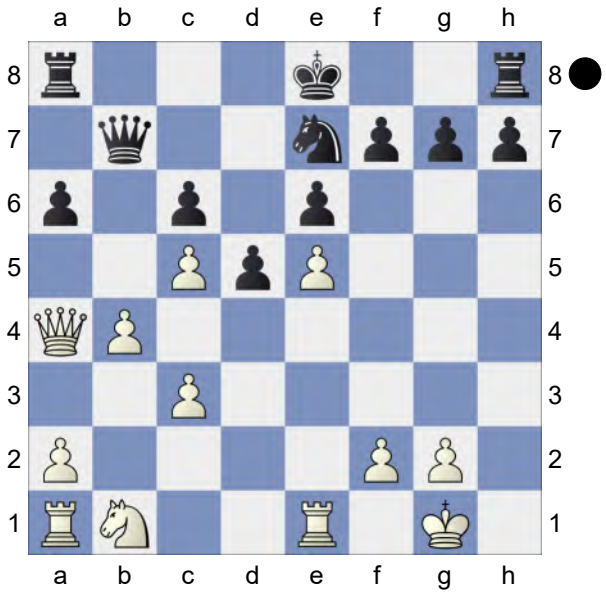


20.Na4! Bd6 21.Rae1 f6 *(21...Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Rxe5 Rd8 24.Rxc5)*



22.Nxd7! Bxd7 23.Ba3 e5 *(23...Qa7* 2.27/28 23...e5 0.86 *24.Rd3)* 24.Bxc5 Bxc5 25.Nxc5 Qd6 26.b4 0.89/23 *(*White should try *26.Rd3* 1.25/28 *Qxc5 27.Rxd7)*

26...Be8± 27.Rd3 Qe7 28.Ra3]
[10.exd5± 0.99/24 Nd3 11.Re3 Qxd5 12.c4]
10...Nxh5 11.Ne5
[11.e5 f5! 12.c4 Be7 13.Nc3! 0-0 14.Na4 Qe8 15.dxc5 Rb8]
11...Nf6 12.Qa4 -0.31/26
[12.Nxc6 Qc7 13.exd5 Nxd5
A) 14.c4
A1) 14...Qxc6 15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.Nc3! Qd7 *(16...Qxd4? 4.96/27 16...Qd7 0.56 17.Qf3 Ra7 18.Rd1)* 17.d5 Be7 18.Bf4 0-0 19.Na4! Bd8 Repels Nb6 20.d6 Qc6 21.Rc1 Bb7 22.f3 Qb5 23.Rxc5 Bb6 24.Nxb6 Qxc5+ 25.Be3 Qa5;
A2) 14...Nf6 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Bf4 0-0 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Nd3 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.Nc3 Bb7 22.Qe2 Rfd8;
B) 14.c4!± 0.58/26 Qxc6 15.cxd5 Qxd5 16.Nc3;
C) 14.Ne5 -0.08/25 14...Bd6= 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qxd7+ Kxd7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.c4 *(19.Nd2 Rhc8 20.Ne4 Be7)* 19...Nb4 20.a3 Nc2 21.Rd1+ Kc6! 22.Ra2 Rhd8!]
[12.Nxc6± 0.60/25 Qd6 13.e5 *(13.exd5 Qxd5 14.Ne5 Bd6=)* 13...Qxc6 14.exf6]
12...Bd7∓ 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.e5 Ng8 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.dxc5 Qb7
[17...a5 18.b4 -0.89/23 *(18.Nd2∓ -0.35/24)* 18...0-0]
[17...0-0 18.Nd2 a5 *(18...Rfb8 19.b4 a5 20.bxa5)* 19.Nf3 *(19.Qc2 Rfb8 20.Reb1 Ng6)* 19...Rfb8]
18.b4

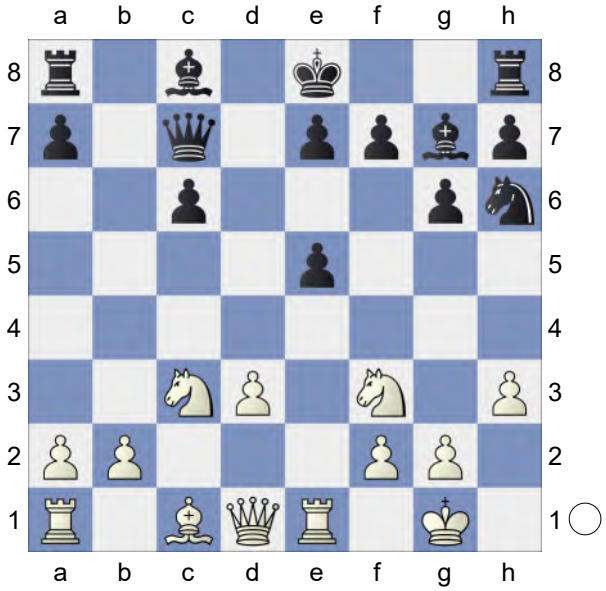


a5! 19.Qb3 0-0 20.Nd2 Qa6 0.41/28
[20...Ng6 21.Nf3 f6]
[20...Rfb8= -0.01/25]
21.Nf3 0.04/27
[21.a4± 0.41/28 deserves consideration.]
21...Qc4
[21...Qd3]
22.Qxc4 dxc4 The position is equal.
23.Re4 axb4 24.cxb4
[24.Rxc4 bxc3 25.Rxc3 Ra4∓]
24...Ra4
[24...c3?! 25.a4±]
25.Rxc4 Rfa8 26.Nd4
[26.Rd1 Rxa2 27.Rd6 h6]
26...Rxa2
[26...g5]
27.Rxa2 Rxa2= Endgame KRN-KRN
28.b5! cxb5 29.Nxb5 Nc6 30.Nd4 Nxd4
[30...Nxe5 31.Rc1 Prevents Ra1 Nd3 32.Rc4 Ne5 33.Rc1 Ra4 34.c6 c7 is the strong threat. Rc4! 35.Rxc4 Nxc4 36.Nb5 Nb6 37.Nd6 Dodges Nc8 Nd5 White must now prevent ...Kf8. 38.Nb5 Nb6]
31.Rxd4 KR-KR **31...Kf8 32.c6 Rc2 33.Rd8+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ Ke8 35.Rc7**

g5 36.Rc8+ Ke7 37.Rc7+ Ke8 38.Rc8+ Ke7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **39.Rc7+**
½-½

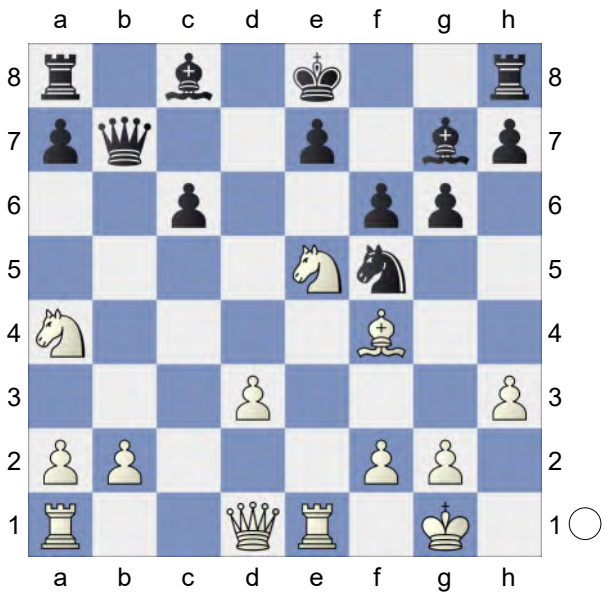
167 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2783**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2684**
(ol) 153/56 Chennai 2022
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Qc7 7.h3 d6 8.e5 dxe5 The position is equal. **9.d3 c4 10.Nc3**
[10.dxc4 f5∓]
10...cxd3 11.cxd3 Nh6

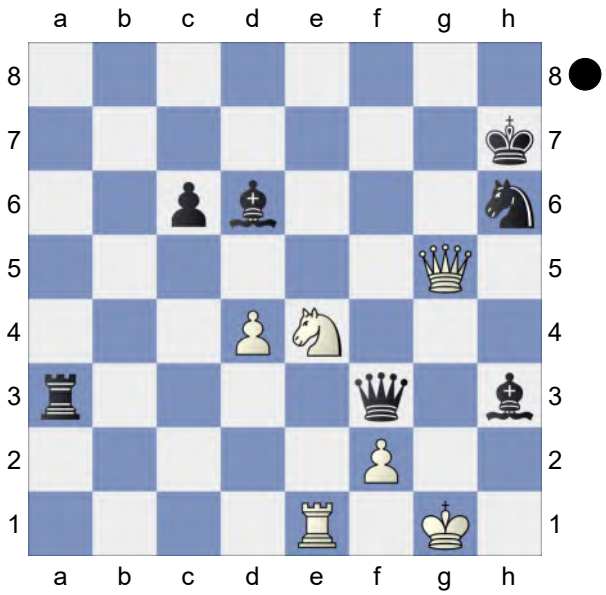


12.Nxe5! Deflection **12...Nf5 13.Bf4 Qb7!**
[13...f6? 14.Nxg6 e5 15.Nxh8+-]
14.Na4 A dynamic duo of knights. **14...f6** 0.91/21
[14...Be6± 0.47/20]

(Diagram)



15.Nf3!± g4 is the strong threat. **15...0-0 16.d4 g5 17.Bh2** 0.56/20
[17.Nc5± 0.96/22 Qb6 18.Bh2]
17...h5!± 18.Re4 Qd7 19.Qc2 Rf7 20.Rae1 Bf8! 21.Qe2 Qd5 22.Nc3 Qd7 0.72/22
[22...Qa5!= 0.30/20]
23.Qc4 0.17/21
[23.Nxg5± 0.72/22 fxg5 24.Qxh5]
23...Qb7 24.b4 -0.02/23
[24.Na4± 0.38/20 is superior.]
24...e6 25.Rb1 Qd7 26.Rbe1 Qb7 27.Rb1 Qd7 28.a3 -0.54/21
[28.a4= 0.18/23]
28...a5∓ 29.Na4 Qd8 Inhibits Nb6. **30.bxa5 Rxa5** Strongly threatening ... Qd5. Loses the game. **31.Nc5?** -2.58/23
[31.Qxc6 Qd5 *(31...Bxa3 32.Rb8±)* 32.Qxd5 exd5∓]
[White should try 31.Qc2!∓ -0.56/21]
31...Qd5-+
[Not 31...Rxa3 32.Nxe6 Qd5 33.Qxd5 cxd5 34.Ree1 Bxe6 35.Rxe6∓]
32.Qe2 Rxa3 33.Rd1 Rfa7 34.g4? -6.37/22
[34.Qe1 -2.92/21 Ra2 35.Nxe6 Bxe6 36.Rxe6]
34...hxg4 35.hxg4 Nh6 36.Bg3 e5 37.Nxe5 fxe5 38.Rxe5 Bxg4 39.Qd2 Qf3 (→ ...Bh3) **40.Rxg5+ Rg7** (→ ...Bh3!) **41.Re1 Bh3 42.Bd6 Bxd6 43.Rxg7+ Kxg7 44.Qg5+ Kh7 45.Ne4**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/ Black=0.24 (precise) **45...Qxe4!!**
0-1

168 **B30**
□ **Gazi,Miroslav** **2754**
■ **Salman,Fatima** **2760**
109/(48) Russia (10) 17.09.2021
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5 7.0-0 a6 8.c4 Nb4 9.Nc3 d6 10.d4 -0.02/20

[10.exd6± 0.37/20 Qxd6 11.d4]

10...cxd4= The position is equal. **11.Qxd4 Nc2 12.Qe4 Nxa1 13.Bf4 Be6 14.Rxa1 Rc8 15.Nd5** -0.47/20

[15.b3= 0.06/22]

15...dxe5∓ 16.Nxe5 A dynamic duo of knights. **16...f6 17.Nf3 Bxd5** -0.01/21

[17...Kf7∓ -0.50/23]

18.cxd5= Nd4 is in the air **18...Rc5! 19.d6 Qd7! 20.b4 Rc6** aiming for ...e5. **21.Re1** Nd4 would now be deadly. **21...Kf7** 1.13/25

[21...e5= 0.30/24 remains equal. 22.Bxe5 Kd8 *(22...fxe5? 23.Nxe5 Qxd6 24.Nxc6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kd7 25.Ne5+ Kc7 26.Nf7+-)*]

22.Nd4↑ White is in control. White is much more active. **22...e5?** 4.96/27 **23.Qd5+**

[23.Nxc6 Qxc6 24.Qxc6 bxc6∓]

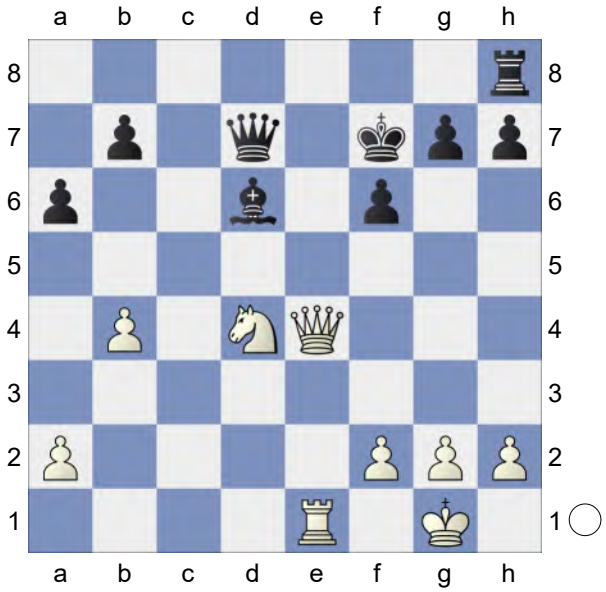
23...Kg6 24.Bxe5

[Not 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Qe4+ Kf7±]

24...Rxd6 25.Bxd6 Bxd6 26.Qe4+ 2.48/26 Black is weak on the light squares

[⌓26.g3 5.92/25]

26...Kf7+-



27.Qd5+ -0.01/22

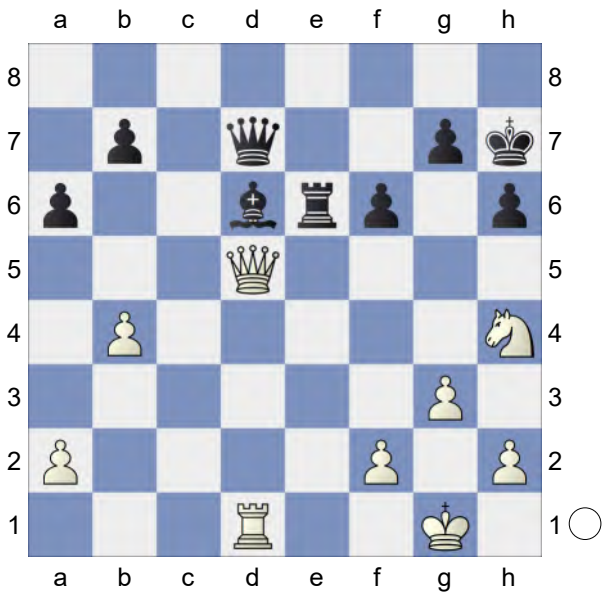
[Better is 27.Nf5!± 1.20/24 Rd8 28.Nxd6+ Qxd6 29.Qxb7+ *(29.Qxh7 Qxb4 30.Rb1* Deflection *Qg4±)* 29...Kg8 30.h3]

27...Kg6= 28.g3 White is clearly winning. **28...h6 29.Rd1**

[29.Ne6 Qc6 30.Qd3+ Kf7±]

29...Re8 Prevents Qe4+ **30.Nf3 Re6 31.Nh4+ Kh7**

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.58 **32.Qd3+!**
1-0

169 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2754**
■ **Rapport,Richard** **2760**
Norway Chess 9th (10) 17.09.2021
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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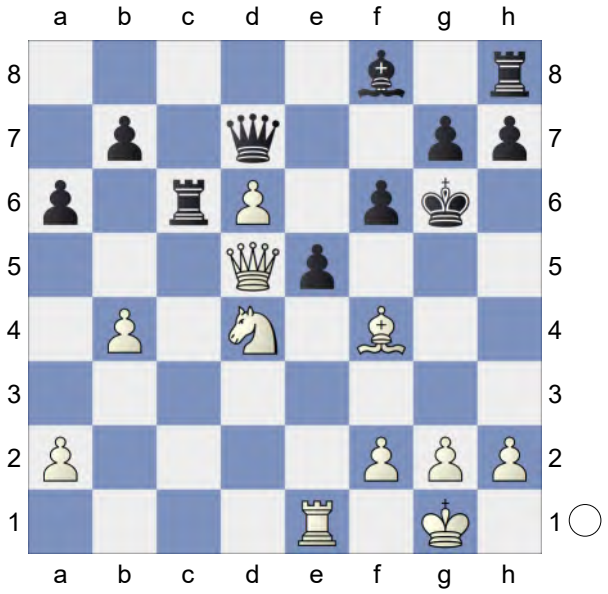
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Nc3 Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5 7.0-0 a6 8.c4 Nb4 9.Nc3 d6 10.d4 0.01/22
[10.exd6!± 0.41/21 Qxd6 11.Ne4]
10...cxd4= The position is equal.
11.Qxd4 Nc2 12.Qe4 Nxa1 13.Bf4 Be6! 14.Rxa1 Rc8 15.Nd5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 A dynamic duo of knights.
16...f6
[16...Rxc4 simplifies 17.Qxc4 Qxd5 18.Qxd5 Bxd5 19.Rc1 Be6]
17.Nf3 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Rc5 19.d6 Qd7 and ...e5 should not be overlooked **20.b4 Rc6** 0.28/24
[⌓20...Rc8 -0.22/23]
21.Re1 And now Nd4 would win.
21...Kf7 1.07/24
[21...e5± 0.36/22 22.Bxe5 Kd8 *(22...fxe5? 23.Nxe5 Qxd6 24.Nxc6+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kd7 25.Ne5+ Kc7 26.Nf7+-)*]
22.Nd4± White has more active pieces.
22...e5? 4.59/28 **23.Qd5++-**
[Not 23.Nxc6 Qxc6 24.Qd3 *(24.Qxc6 bxc6 25.Be3 Bxd6∓)*

24...Qxd6 *(24...exf4 25.d7=)* 25.Qc4+ Qe6 26.Qc7+ Be7 27.Qxb7 Rc8∓]

23...Kg6



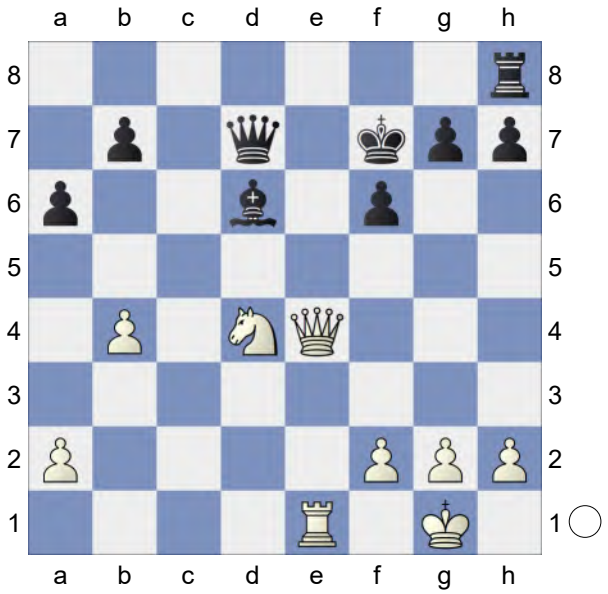
24.Bxe5

[24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Qe4+ Kf7±]

24...Rxd6 25.Bxd6 Bxd6 26.Qe4+? 2.31/23 Black is weak on the light squares

[26.g3 6.14/25 h6 27.Rd1 *(27.Ne6 Qc6+-)*]

26...Kf7



27.Qd5+? -0.01/22

[27.Nf5!+- 2.14/22 Rd8 28.Nxd6+ Discovered Attack Qxd6 29.Qxb7+ *(29.Qxh7 Qxb4 30.Rb1 Qe7=)* 29...Kf8 30.Qe4]

27...Kg6= 28.g3 White is clearly winning. **28...h6 29.Rd1**

[Weaker is 29.Ne6 Qc6 30.Qd3+ Kf7±]

29...Re8 30.Nf3 Re6 31.Nh4+ Kh7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.56 **32.Qd3+**

1-0

170 **B31**

□ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2632**

■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2692**

Speed Chess Q1 blitz (13) 10.11.2022

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

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3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7

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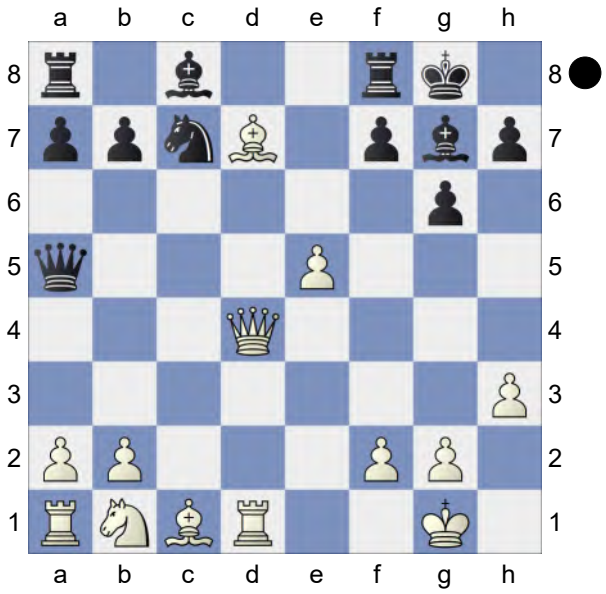
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 e5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.e5 -0.23/22

[⩲11.Qxd4 0.30/19 a6 12.Ba4]

11...Nd5 Black has an edge. **12.Qxd4!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **12...Qa5N 13.Rd1 Qxb5** 0.07/23

[13...Nc7 0-1 (29) Eriksson,L (2050)-Karle,M (2079) Lund 2010 14.Bxd7? -3.85/25 *(14.Ba4=* -0.22/22 and White has nothing to worry. *)*



14...Rd8!-+ 15.Qa4 Rxd7 16.Qxa5 Rxd1+ 17.Kh2 Rxc1 18.Qd2 Rc5 and ...Rd5! should not be overlooked 19.f4 Be6]

[13...Nc7 -0.29/25 is more appropriate. 14.Bf1 Bxe5]

14.Qxd5= Qc6 Black is weak on the dark squares

[14...Qxd5 simplifies 15.Rxd5 Re8 16.Bf4 d6]

15.Nc3 Re8

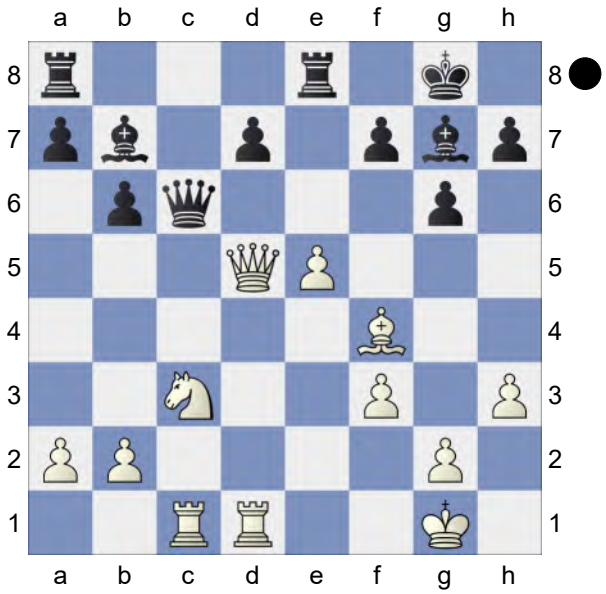
[15...Qxd5 16.Nxd5 *(16.Rxd5 b6±)* 16...Bxe5 17.Bh6=]

16.Bf4 b6 17.Rac1 -0.15/24

[17.Qd4± 0.39/23]

17...Bb7 18.f3

[18.Qxd7? Qxg2#]



18...Bxe5! 19.Bxe5 Qxd5 Remove Defender **20.Nxd5 Rxe5 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Rxd7 Bxf3 23.Rcc7 Rf8** 1.21/27

[23...Kxf6= 0.01/25 24.Rxf7+ Ke6]

24.Nxh7± Deflection. White is more active.

[24.gxf3 Kxf6 25.Rxa7 Kg7∓]

[24.Rxa7 Ba8 25.Nxh7 Kxh7-+]

24...Kxh7 25.Rxf7+

[25.gxf3 Rf5=]

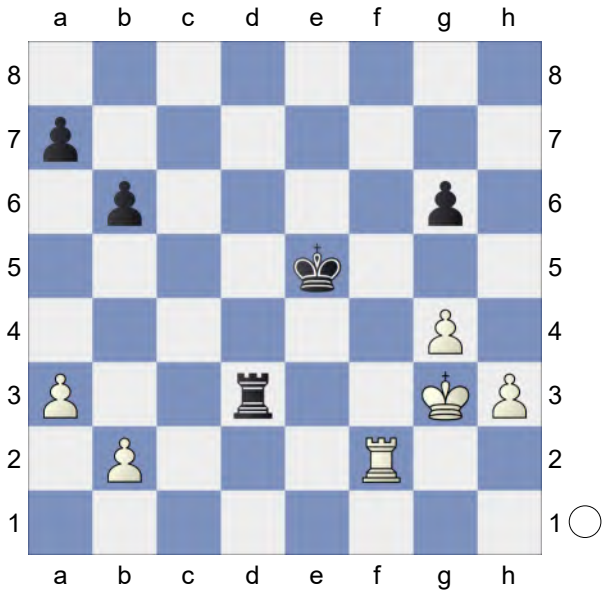
25...Rxf7 26.Rxf7+ Kh6 27.Rxf3 Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up.

[27.gxf3?! Re2=]

27...Re1+ 28.Kf2 Rb1 29.Rb3 Kg5

30.a3 Kf4 1.97/30
[30...Kh4± 1.32/32 31.Rb4+ Kh5]
31.Rb4+ 1.32/30
[31.Rb5+- 1.97/30]
31...Kf5 2.45/27
[31...Kg5± 1.32/30 32.g3 Rd1]
32.Kg3 1.17/28
[32.Rb5++- 2.45/27 Ke4 33.Rb3]
32...Rd1 2.37/31
[32...Kf6± 1.17/28 33.Kg4 Rd1]
33.Rb5+ Kf6 34.Kg4 1.09/31
[34.Kf4+- 1.65/32]
34...Rd4+ 35.Kg3 -0.01/30
[35.Kf3± 1.25/33]
35...Rd3+ 1.31/33
[35...Rd1!= -0.01/30]
36.Kh4 0.94/37
[White should try 36.Kf4 1.31/33]
36...Rd2 37.g3 Rd4+ 38.g4 Re4? 3.64/28
[38...Rd3± 0.80/30]
39.Kg3? 0.20/27
[39.Rd5+- 3.64/28 Ke6 40.Rd3]
39...Rd4? 1.92/30
[39...Re3+= 0.20/27 40.Kh4 Rd3]
40.Rb3+- and h4 would now be decisive
40...Rd2 3.18/28
[40...g5 1.71/27 is a better defense. 41.Rf3+ Kg6]
41.Rf3+ 1.56/27
[41.h4+- 3.18/28 and White stays clearly on top.]
41...Ke5? 6.56/27
[41...Kg7± 1.56/27]
42.Rf2 Rd3+ 6.51/28
[42...Rd5 3.57/28 43.Kh4 Ke6]

(Diagram)



43.Kh4! White is clearly winning. **43...Ke6 44.Kg5 Rxh3 45.Kxg6 a5 46.Re2+ Kd5 47.g5 b5 48.Kf5 Rf3+ 49.Kg4 Rf1 50.g6 Rg1+ 51.Kf5 b4 52.axb4** Vorgänger: **52...axb4 53.Kf6 b3 54.g7 Rf1+ 55.Ke7 Rg1 56.Kf8 Rf1+ 57.Kg8** White threatens Rh2 and mate. **57...Kc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=1.06 **58.Rh2**
1-0

171 **B30**
□ **Fedorchuk,Sergey A** **2619**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2732**
EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen (4.4) 06.10.2022
[TA]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be2 Be7 8.c4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Nc3 b6 10.Ndb5 a6 11.Nd6 Qc7 12.Nxc8 Raxc8 13.Be3 Bc5 14.Qd2 Nce5 15.Na4 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Rb8 17.Rac1 Nc6 18.g3** Against Qf4 **18...Nge7 19.Rfd1 e5** 1.52/22

[Black should play 19...Rfd8± 0.63/21]

20.Qa3 0.54/20

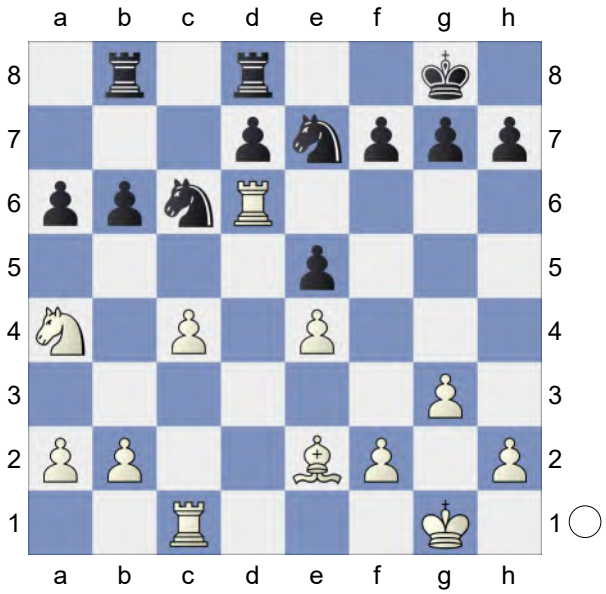
[20.c5± 1.52/22]

20...Rfe8 1.50/20

[20...Qd8!± 0.54/20]

21.Qd6± Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Red8

(Diagram)

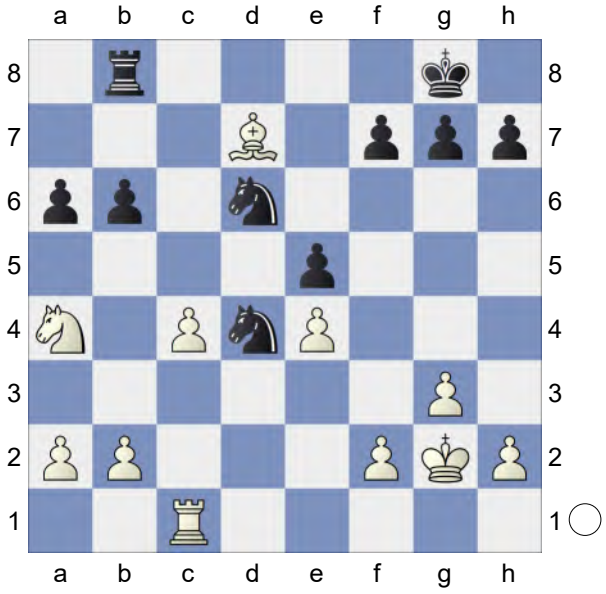


23.Bg4! White has more active pieces. Loses the game. **23...Nc8?** 3.43/22

[23...g6± 1.56/21 24.Rcd1 *(24.Bxd7 Nd4±; 24.Rxd7 Rxd7 25.Bxd7 Nd4±)* 24...b5 25.cxb5 *(25.Bxd7? bxa4 26.c5 Nd4-+)* 25...axb5]

24.Rxd7+- Rxd7 25.Bxd7 Nd4 Hoping for ...Ne2+. **26.Kg2 Nd6** 5.22/23

[26...Na7 2.93/22 was worth a try. 27.c5 bxc5 28.Rxc5 f6]



27.Nxb6! Black must now prevent c5. Remove Defender, Decoy. White is

clearly winning. **27...Nxe4**
[Worse is 27...Rxb6 28.c5 Rxb2 *(28...Rb7? 29.cxd6 Rb8 30.b4+-; 28...Ne2? 29.Rd1+-)* 29.cxd6+-]
[27...Ne2 28.Rd1]
28.c5 Kf8 29.b4 Ke7 30.Re1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.44 **30...Ra8**
1-0

172 **B30**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2690**
■ **Ter Sahakyan,Samvel** **2598**
Singapore Olympic Esports Gp-B (5.2)
[TA]

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3...e6 4.Bxc6N
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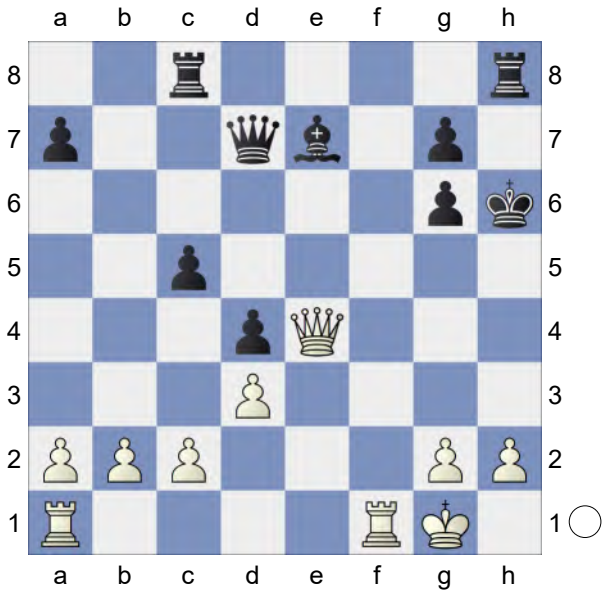
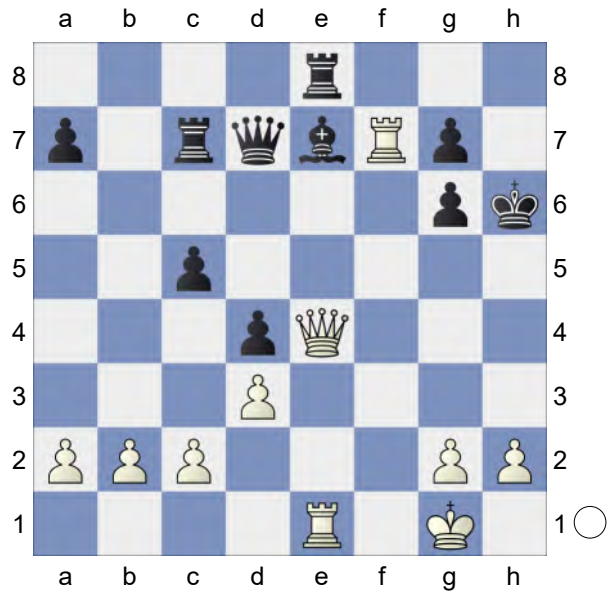
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.0-0 Ng6 7.Ng5 d5 0.20/22
[⌓7...f6 -0.22/20 8.Nh3 d5]
8.Qh5 -0.39/19
[8.f4!= 0.20/22]
8...h6∓ 9.Nh3 e5 Black is slightly better. **10.Nc3 Be7 11.f4 Bxh3! 12.Qxh3 exf4 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Qf3 d4 15.Qc6+ Kf8 16.Ne2 Rc8 17.Qe4 Kg8 18.Nxf4 Kh7 19.Nxg6 fxg6 20.Bf4 Qd7** 0.45/26
[20...Bf6= -0.11/24]
21.Bxh6!± Kxh6 0.92/25
[21...Bf6± 0.32/23 22.Bf4 c4]



22.Rf7!± Rhe8 And now ...Qd6 would win. **23.Re1→** White has strong attack. White is much more active. This move

loses the game for Black. **23...Rc7?** 2.30/28

[23...c4± 0.75/26 is a better defense.]



24.h4!+- Qd6 5.67/27

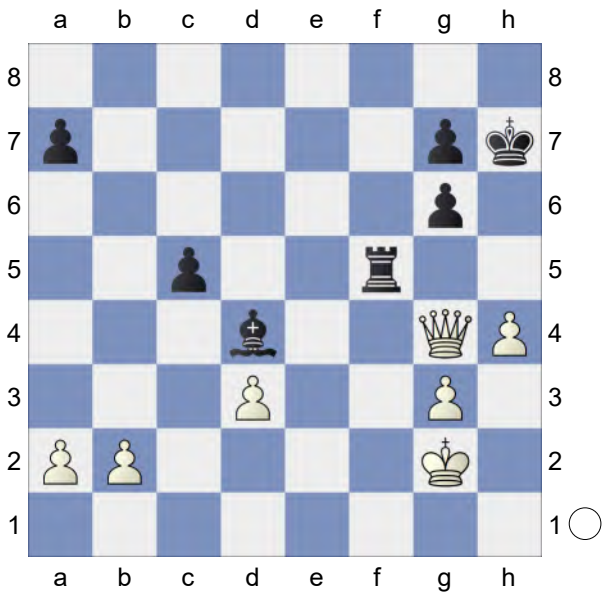
[24...Kh7 3.13/23]

25.Qg4 Bf8 7.71/25

[⌓25...Rc6 5.00/23 26.Rexe7 Remove Defender, Decoy Rxe7 27.Qg5+ Kh7 28.Qxe7 Qxe7 29.Rxe7 a6]

26.Rxe8 Rxf7 27.Re6 Rf6 28.Rxd6 Bxd6 Endgame KQ-KRB **29.g3 Rf5 30.Kg2 Kh7 31.c3 Be5 32.cxd4** Strongly threatening Qxf5!. **32...Bxd4**

(Diagram)



33.b4! Rf2+

[33...Bc3 34.b5]

34.Kh3 Rxa2 35.h5 Ra6 36.Qc8 Rf6 37.hxg6+ Rxg6 38.bxc5 Rg5 39.c6 Bb6 40.Qd7 Rh5+ 41.Kg2 Rc5 42.d4 Rc2+ 43.Kh3 Rd2 44.d5 a5 45.d6 Threatening mate with Qf5+. **45...a4 46.c7** White mates. **46...Bxc7 47.Qf5+ g6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) / Black=0.93 **48.Qf7+** An unexpected result.

½-½

173 **B31**

□ **Brkic,Ante** **2606**

■ **Kamsky,Gata** **2641**

AI Cup Play In rapid (7) 18.09.2023

[Kitty Kat]

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0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 Qb6 7.a4 a6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **8.Bxc6 bxc6** White is slightly better. **9.e5N**

[Vorgänger: 9.a5 Qc7 1.00/21 *(9...Qb7± 0.52/21)*

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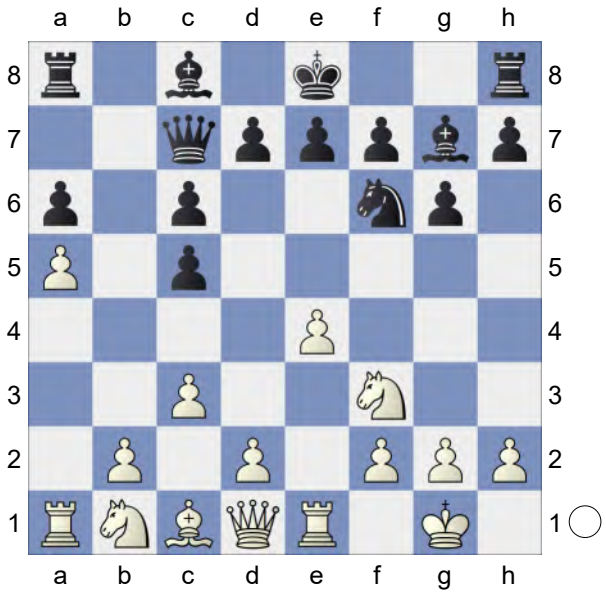
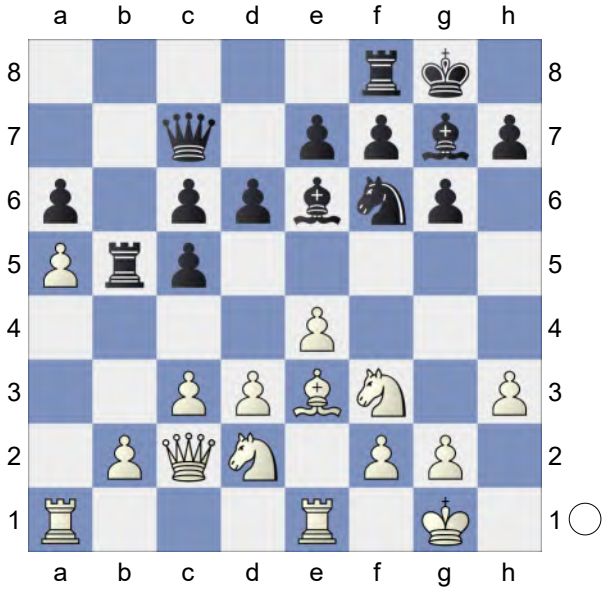


10.d3 0.39/20 *(10.e5!± 1.00/21 Nd5 11.d4)* 10...0-0± 11.Be3 -0.01/21 *(11.e5± 0.35/22 Nd5 12.h3)* is more appropriate. 11...d6= 12.h3 Rb8 13.Qc2 Be6 14.Nbd2 Rb5



15.b4 -0.19/22 *(15.d4!± 0.36/20)* 15...cxb4 0-1 Haik,A-Radulovic,D Schilde op U18 6th 1970 (1)]

9...Nd5 10.Na3 a5 11.Nc4 Qb8 12.d3 0-0 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh4 -0.21/20

[14.exf6± 0.42/22 exf6 15.Bd2]

14...fxe5!= 15.Nfxe5 Qc7 16.Nf3! d6 17.Ng5 -0.77/21

[17.d4= -0.06/20 remains equal.]
17...Nf4∓ 18.Bg3 e5 19.h3 -1.12/21
[White should play 19.d4∓ -0.44/22]
19...h6 20.Nf3 g5 21.Bxf4 Rxf4 -0.56/19
[21...exf4 22.d4=]
[21...gxf4∓ -1.01/21 22.Ra3 Bf5]
22.d4 -1.92/22 **g4** -1.31/21
[22...exd4 23.Re8+ Kf7 24.Qe2∓]
[22...cxd4-+ -1.92/22 23.cxd4 g4 24.hxg4 Bxg4 *(24...exd4 25.Re8+ Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Bxf8 27.Qxd4±)*]
This move loses the game for White.
23.Nh2? -3.31/22
[23.dxc5∓ -1.31/21 gxf3 *(23...Rxc4 24.cxd6 Qf7 25.Nxe5=)* 24.cxd6]
23...cxd4-+
[23...exd4 24.Re8+ *(24.Nxg4?* perishes. *Bxg4 25.hxg4 Raf8-+)* 24...Rf8 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Nxg4∓]
[23...gxh3 24.g3 Rf8 25.dxe5 dxe5 26.Qh5∓]
24.cxd4 Rxd4
[Less strong is 24...gxh3 25.Rc1 Rxd4 *(25...exd4? 26.Re8+ Rf8 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Qf3+ Kg8 29.Ng4-+)* 26.Qh5-+]
25.Qc2 Be6 26.Ne3 -4.92/21
[⌓26.Na3 -3.42/21 g3 *(26...gxh3 27.Nb5∓)* 27.fxg3]
26...gxh3 Black is clearly winning. **27.g3 Rf8** Repels Nf5 **28.Rad1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.15 (very precise) **28...Qf7**
0-1

174 **B31**
□ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2635**
■ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2646**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (9)
[TA]

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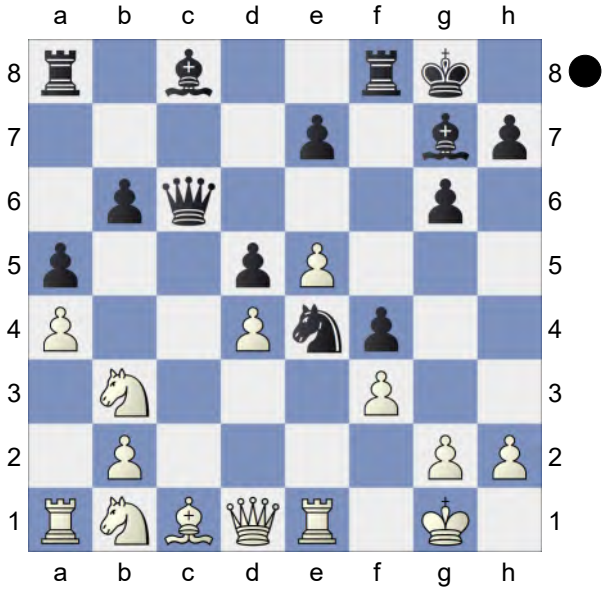
11...Qxc6 12.Nfd2 f5 13.Nb3 -0.35/22
[13.exf6± 0.47/21 Nxf6 14.Qb3]
13...f4∓ 14.Bc1 White is weak on the light squares **14...a5 15.a4! b6 16.f3** -1.10/24
[16.Ra3= -0.22/21]



16...Ng5!∓ Black has more active pieces. The white rooks are passive. **17.Nc3 Ba6** -0.64/23
[17...Ne6∓ -1.25/24]
18.Bd2 Ne6 19.Ne2 Rac8 20.Bc3 -1.65/21
[20.Nbc1∓ -0.87/20]
20...g5-+ 21.h3 -2.10/22
[21.Nd2∓ -1.54/19]
21...h5 22.Nd2 Qd7 23.Qb1 -2.39/22
[⌓23.Kh1 -1.76/21]
23...Qe8 24.Kf2 -2.64/21
[⌓24.Nc1 -1.85/21]
24...Qf7 25.Ra3 Rc6 26.Rh1 Rd8 27.Re1 -3.00/21
[⌓27.Nb3 -2.14/23]
27...Rf8? 0.01/22
[27...Bf8-+ -3.00/21 Threatens to win with ...Rdc8. 28.b4 axb4 29.Qxb4 Qf5]
This move loses the game for White.
28.Rh1= Rfc8 29.Re1 Bf8 30.Rg1 Ng7 31.g4 fxg3+ 32.Rxg3 Rg6 33.h4? -6.30/21
[33.Nf4 -2.79/19 Rgc6 *(33...gxf4 34.Rxg6 e6 35.Rb3±)* 34.Ng2]
33...g4 Black is clearly winning. **34.Ra1** -9.23/19
[⌓34.Nf4 -4.81/19 Rh6 35.Ng2]
34...Nf5-+ 35.Nf4 Rh6 36.fxg4 Nxg3 Discovered Attack **37.Kxg3 hxg4 38.Qc2** -7.72/24
[⌓38.Nf1 -4.77/24 e6 39.Nh2]
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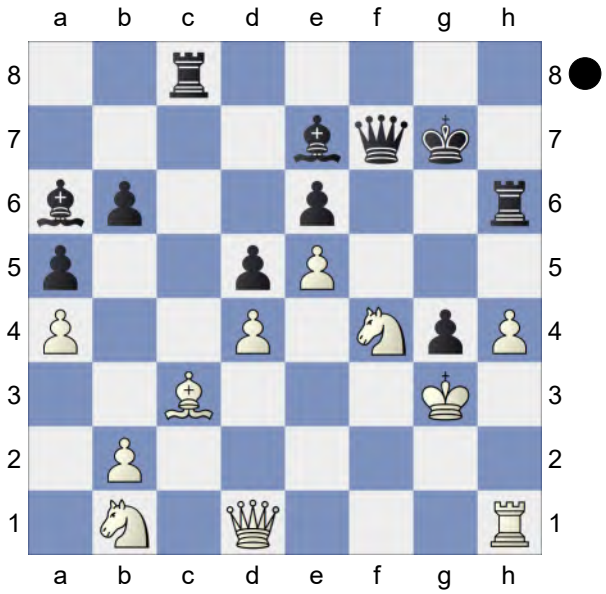

Bxh4+! Deflection **42.Rxh4 Rxh4 43.Kxh4 Qxf4 44.Qxg4+ Qxg4+ 45.Kxg4** Endgame KRB-KBN **45...Rc4 46.b3 Rc8 47.Bd2 Rc2 48.Bg5 Be2+ 49.Kg3 Kf7 50.Nd2 Bd1 51.Kf2 Rc3 52.Bd8 Rd3 53.Ke1 Bxb3 54.Bxb6 Bxa4 55.Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.63 **55...Bb5 0-1**

175 **B30**
□ **Komododragon** **3522**
■ **Stoofvlees Ii A16** **3513**
TCEC 20 Premier 2020 (53.3) 13.01.2021
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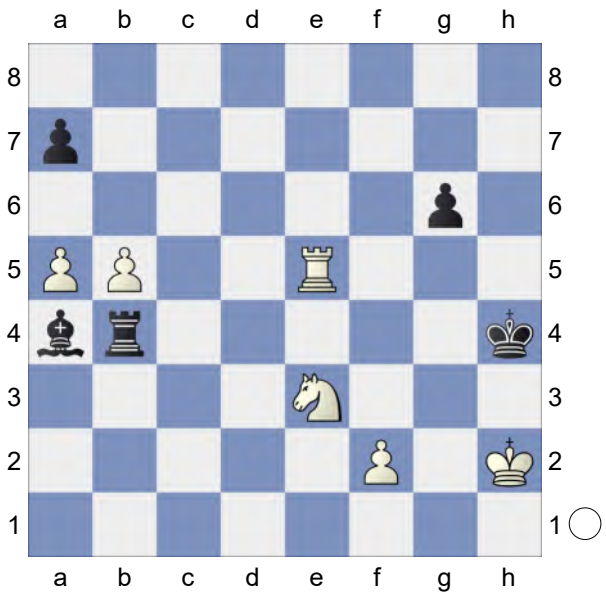
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Qe2 Ng6 7.h4 h5 8.e5! f6 9.Nbd2 Qa5 White is better. **10.0-0 Qc7 11.Nc4 d6 12.Nxd6+ Bxd6 13.exd6 Qxd6 14.Nd2 Nxh4 15.Ne4 Qc7 16.Be3 Nf5 17.Bxc5**
[17.Nxc5 h4=]
17...Kf7 18.Rfe1 e5 19.Rad1 Nd4 20.Qf1
[20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Nc5 Bf5=]
20...Rd8 21.c3 Ne6 White must now prevent ...f5. **22.d4 exd4 23.Qc4**
[23.Bxd4 Nxd4 24.Rxd4 *(24.cxd4 Bg4=)* 24...Rxd4 25.cxd4 Kg6±]
23...Kg6 24.Bxd4 Nxd4 25.Rxd4 Bf5 26.Ng3! Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Bg4 28.Qe4+ Kh6 29.Nf1 Rb8 30.b4 Rb5 Black is weak on the dark squares **31.Qe8 Rb8 32.Qe3+ Kg6 33.Qe4+ Bf5 34.Qh4 Kh6 35.Ne3! Be6 36.Qe4 Qe5 37.Qd3**
[37.Qxc6?! Rc8 38.Qb7 Qxc3±]
37...Qf4 Dodges Ng4+ **38.a4** Prevents Rb5 **38...Rb7 39.Qd8 Kh7 40.Rd1 Qc7 41.Qf8** White is more active.
[41.Qxc7 simplifies Rxc7 42.Rd6 Bb3 43.a5]
41...Qe5 42.Qa8 Re7 43.Qxc6 and c4 would now be decisive **43...Rc7 44.Qd6 Rxc3 45.Qxe5 fxe5±** Endgame KRB-KRN **46.Rd6! Bb3 47.Ra6 Rc7 48.Kh2 Rf7 49.b5 g6 50.a5 Kh6 51.Kg1 Kg7 52.g4 Kh6 53.gxh5 Kxh5 54.Rc6** 0.86/23
[⌓54.Kg2! 1.25/23]
54...Rf4 55.Rc5 Rb4 56.Rxe5+ Kh4 57.Kh2 Ba4

(Diagram)

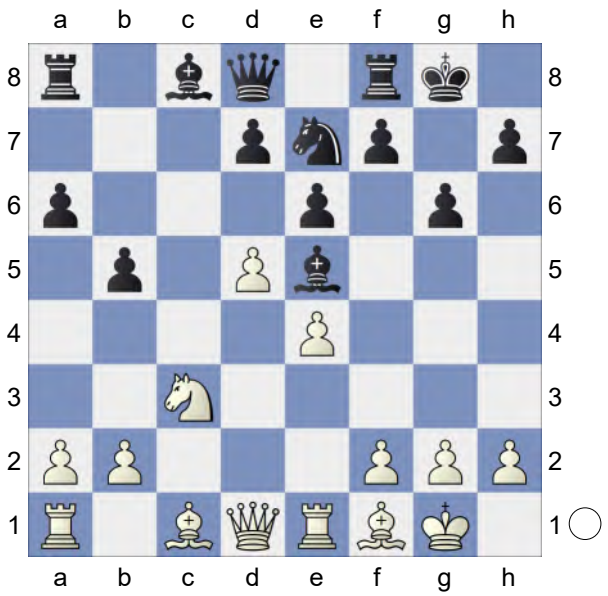


58.b6! 0.69/23 **axb6± 59.a6! Bc6 60.Re6 Ba8 61.Rxg6** 0.17/20
[61.Re8!± 0.59/26 Bc6 62.Re6]
61...Ra4!= 62.Nf5+
[Resist 62.Rxb6 Ra1 63.Ng2+ Kg4±]
62...Kh5 63.Rxb6 Kg5 64.Ne3 Ra1 65.Rb5+ Kh4 66.Rb4+ Kh5 67.Rb8 Rxa6 68.Kg3 Ra4 69.Rb5+ Kh6 70.Ng4+ Kg6 71.f4 Be4 72.Re5 Bf5 73.Kh4 -0.26/28
[⌓73.Ne3 0.16/20 Ra3 74.Kf2 Ra2+ 75.Kf3]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
73...Rxf4
½-½

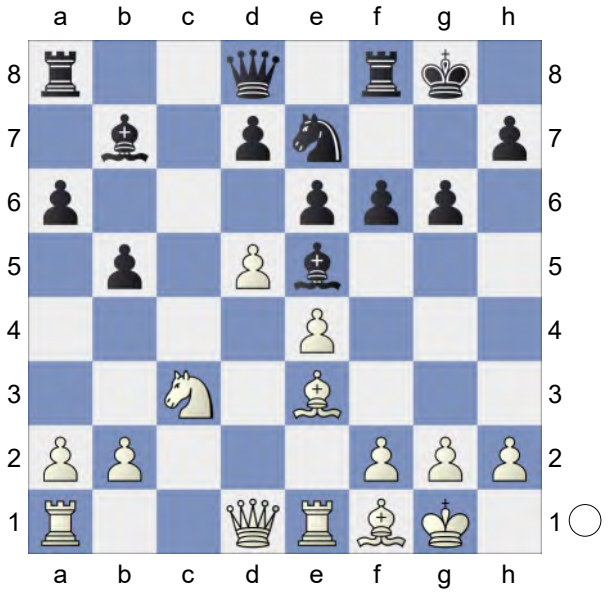
176 **B31**
□ **Ethereal Tcec S20 Divp** **3482**
■ **Scorpionn** **3496**
TCEC 20 Premier 2020 (53.4) 13.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e6 6.c3 Nge7 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 0-0 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 White is better. **11.Nc3! a6 12.Bf1** 0.89/22
[Better is 12.Ba4 1.34/20]
12...b5

(Diagram)



13.Bg5! f6 14.Be3 Bb7

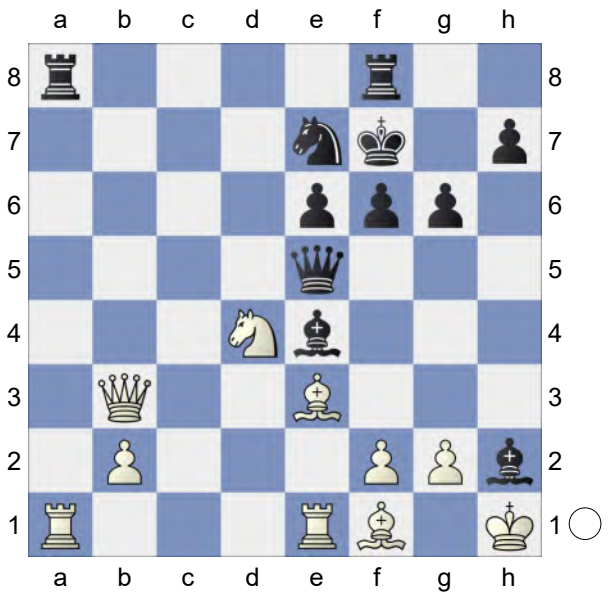


15.dxe6! dxe6 16.Qb3 Kf7 17.a4 Qc7 18.axb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 0.61/21

[19.Rac1± 1.09/21]

19...Bxh2+± 20.Kh1 White is more active. **20...Qe5 21.Nd4** The board is on fire. **21...Bxe4**

(Diagram)



22.Qxe6+! Qxe6 23.Nxe6 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Ra8 25.Rxa8 Bxa8 26.Ng5+ fxg5 27.Kxh2 Endgame KBB-KBN **27...Kf6 28.Bd2 Nf5 29.Bc3+ Ke6 30.Be2 Bd5 31.Bd1 Bc6 32.Kg1 Ne7 33.Bd2 h6 34.f3 Nd5 35.Bc2 Be8! 36.Be1 Kd6 37.Bf2 Nf4 38.Kh2 Kd5 39.Be1 Kc4** The position is equal. **40.Bc3 Nd5 41.Bg7 Ne3 42.Be4 h5 43.Bh6** A strong pair of Bishops. **43...Nd1 44.Bxg5** Hoping for Bf6. **44...Nxb2 45.Bf6 Nd1 46.Kg1 Ne3 47.Bg7 Nf5 48.Bf6 Ne3 49.Bb1 Kb3 50.Bd3 Nf5 51.Kf2 Kb4 52.Bc2 Bb5 53.Be5 Kc5 54.Bxf5 gxf5=** KB-KB **55.Kg3 Kd5 56.Bc7 Bc4 57.Bf4 Bb5 58.Bg5 Ke5 59.Bd8 f4+ 60.Kf2 Kd5 61.Bh4 Ba6 62.Bd8 Kd4 63.Bg5 Ke5 64.Bd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **64...Kd6**

½-½

177 **B30**
□ **Stockfish** **3592**
■ **AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1** **3509**
TCEC 20 Premier 2020 (53.1) 13.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Qe2 f6 7.Nh4 g6 8.f4 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 White is slightly better. **10.Nf3** White is more active. **10...d6 11.Nc3 e5 12.fxe5 fxe5 13.Qe1 Bg4 14.Qg3 Qd7 15.Be3 Kh8 16.h3 Be6 17.Ng5 Ng8 18.Rxf8 Rxf8 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.Qh4 Qf7 21.b3 h5 22.Re1 Bh6 23.Qg3 Kg7 24.a3 Qe7** The position is equal. **25.b4**
[25.Bxh6+ Nxh6 26.Nb1 Nf7 27.Nd2]
25...Bxe3+ 26.Qxe3 cxb4 27.axb4 Qb7 28.Rb1 Nf6 29.Kh2 Qb6 30.Nd1
[30.Qxb6 axb6 31.b5 Rc8 32.Rb2]
30...d5
[30...Qxe3 31.Nxe3 d5 32.exd5 Nxd5 33.Nxd5 cxd5 34.Ra1 Rf7]
31.Ra1
[31.exd5 simplifies Qxe3 32.Nxe3 Nxd5 33.Nxd5 cxd5 34.Ra1]
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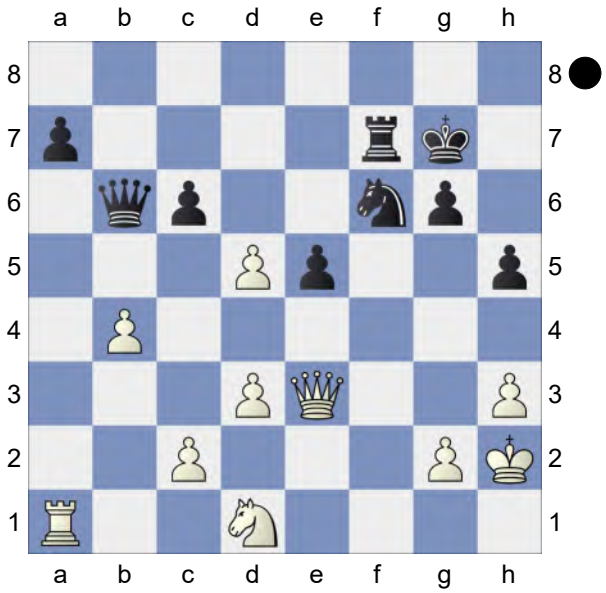
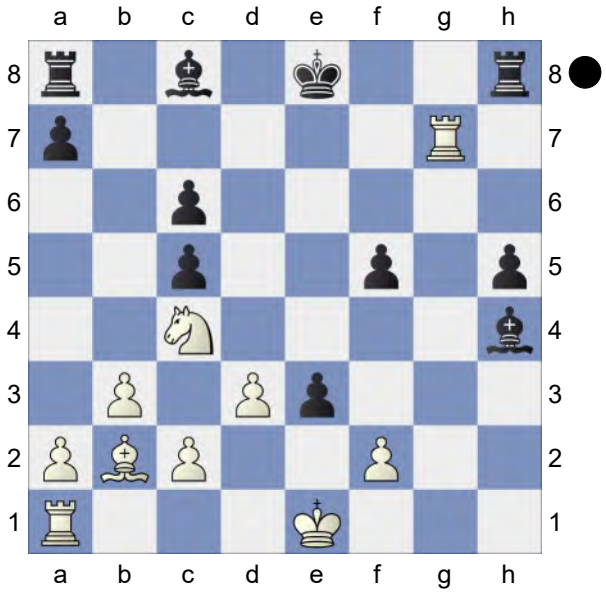


Threatens to win with Qxb6. Discovered Attack **32...Qxe3 33.Nxe3 Nxd5 34.Nxd5 cxd5=** Endgame KR-KR **35.Kg3 Rc7 36.Ra5 Kf6 37.Rxd5 Rxc2 38.Rd6+ Kf5 39.Rd7 Ra2 40.b5 Ra3 41.Kf2 h4 42.Ke3 g5 43.Rf7+ Kg6 44.Re7 Kf6 45.Rh7 Kg6 46.Rh8 Ra2 47.Ke4 Rxg2 48.Rg8+ Kf6**

49.Rf8+ Ke6 50.Re8+ Kd6 51.Kf5 Rg3 52.Re6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **52...Kc7**
½-½

178 **B30**
□ **Rofchade** **3423**
■ **LCZero v0.26.3_T60.66740** **3575**
TCEC 20 Premier 2020 (53.2) 13.01.2021
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 Ne7 6.Bb2 Ng6 7.h4! h5 8.e5 White is slightly better. **8...Be7 9.Nc3 d5** Repels Ne4 **10.exd6 Qxd6 11.Ne4 Qd5 12.d3 e5 13.Nfd2** 0.01/22
[13.Qd2!± 0.53/20]
13...f5=
[13...Bxh4?! 14.g3 f5 *(14...Bg4? 15.f3+-)* 15.gxh4±]
14.Ng5 Qxg2 15.Qf3 Qxf3 16.Ngxf3 Excellent horsemanship. **16...e4 17.Rg1! Nxh4 18.Nxh4 Bxh4 19.Rxg7 e3⇄** Black is not keeping still **20.Nc4**



Strongly threatening Nd6+. **20...Bxf2+ 21.Ke2 f4!**
[Much weaker is 21...Be6 22.Nxe3 Bxe3 23.Kxe3±]
22.Nd6+ Kf8 aiming for ...Be6. **23.Rf7+ Kg8 24.Rxf4** The position is equal.
[Don't blunder 24.Nxc8? Kxf7 25.Bxh8 Ke6-+ *(25...Rxc8? 26.Be5-+)*]
24...Bg4+
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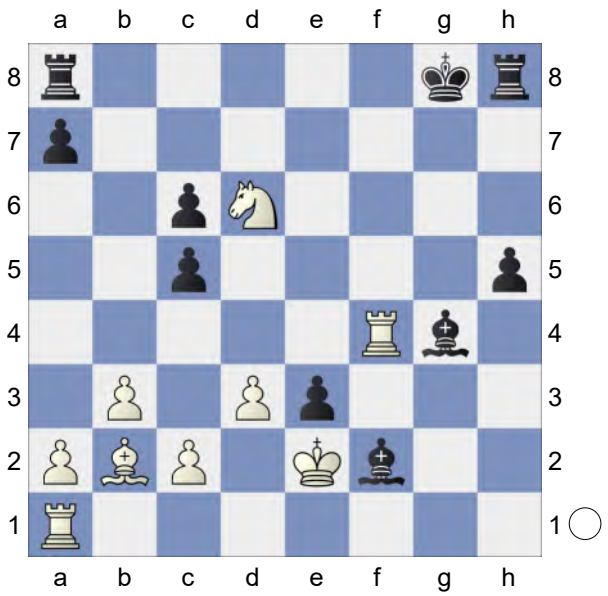

25.Rxg4+! hxg4 26.Bxh8 Kxh8 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **27.Rh1+ Kg7 28.Ne4 Kg6** Dodges Rh5

[28...Rf8 29.Rh5]

29.Nxf2 exf2 30.Kxf2 KR-KR **30...Re8 31.Kg3 Re2 32.Rh4 Rxc2 33.Rxg4+ Kf6 34.Rf4+ Ke5 35.Re4+ Kd6 36.Ra4 Rc3 37.Rxa7 Rxd3+ 38.Kf2 Rh3 39.Ke1 c4 40.bxc4 Kc5 41.a4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **41...Kxc4**

½-½

179 **B31**

□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2681**

■ **Ter Sahakyan,Samvel** **2598**

FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute (4.4) 11.06.23

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3! Qb6 10...Rb8 is a critical line. 10...Tb8 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **11.Qc1 Rb8 12.b3** White is slightly better. **12...Qa5 13.dxc5 Rxb3 14.axb3 Qa4** 13.29/22

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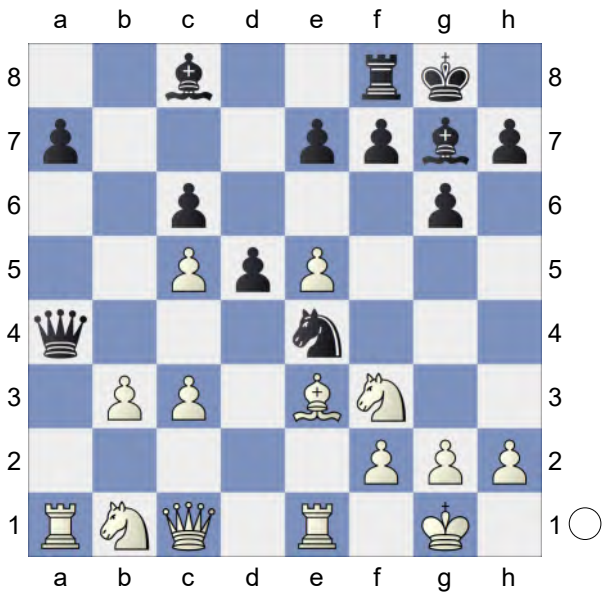
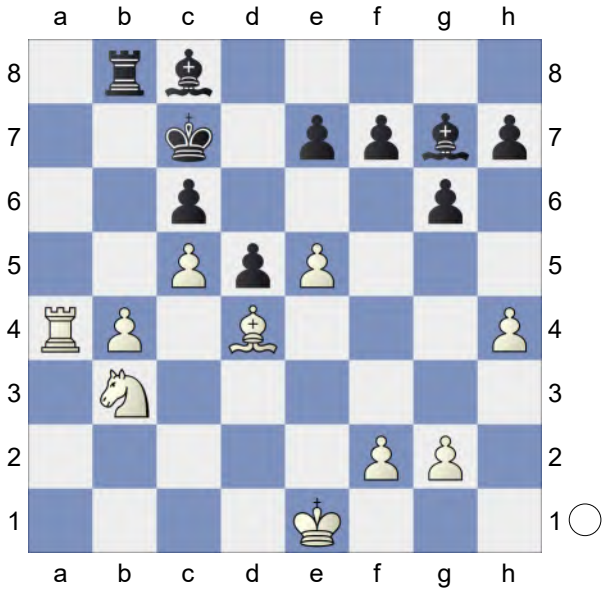
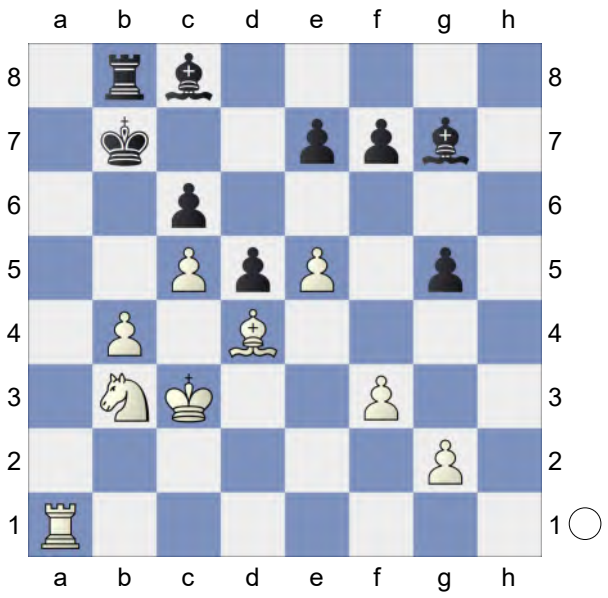


15.Ra2? -0.01/19 **Qxa2= 16.b4 Qa4** 0.42/23
[16...Bd7= -0.01/22]
17.Nbd2 a5 18.Qa1↑ White has the initiative. **18...Qxa1 19.Rxa1 Nxc3N** 0.70/23
[Predecessor: 19...axb4 20.cxb4 Nxd2 21.Bxd2 d4? 2.28/22 *(21...Bg4± 0.45/23)* 22.Ra7 Be6? 3.60/25 *(22...h6 2.07/22 23.Kf1 Rd8)* 23.Nxd4+- Rd8 24.h4 Bf4! would now be deadly. Bc4 25.Bf4 g5 26.Nxc6 Rd1+ 1-0 Safarli,E (2598)-Kotronias,V (2517) Banja Vrujci GM-3 2021 (5)]
[19...axb4= 0.25/29 20.cxb4 Nxd2 21.Bxd2 Bg4]
20.Rxa5± Bb7! 21.Nb3 Ra8 Repels Ra7 **22.Bd4** 0.31/23
[22.h4± 0.81/23]
22...Nb5 23.Kf1 Kf8 1.05/23
[23...Nc7± 0.39/24]
24.Bb2 0.42/24
[24.e6± 1.05/23]
24...Ke8 Black is weak on the dark squares **25.Ke1 Kd8 26.h4** 0.12/23
[White should try 26.Rxa8+± 0.66/23 Bxa8 27.Na5 *(27.Ng5 h6±)*]
26...Rb8 0.72/23
[26...Nc7= 0.12/23 remains equal.]
27.Bc1 White is more active. **27...Kd7**
28.Bb2 -0.01/21
[28.Kd2± 0.40/21]
28...Kd8!= 29.Ra4 0.53/26
[Don't play 29.Ng5 h6 30.Nh3 *(30.Nxf7+? perishes. Ke8-+)* 30...Bc8=]
[29.Ba1± 0.94/23]
29...Kc7± 30.Nfd4 Nxd4 31.Bxd4 Bc8

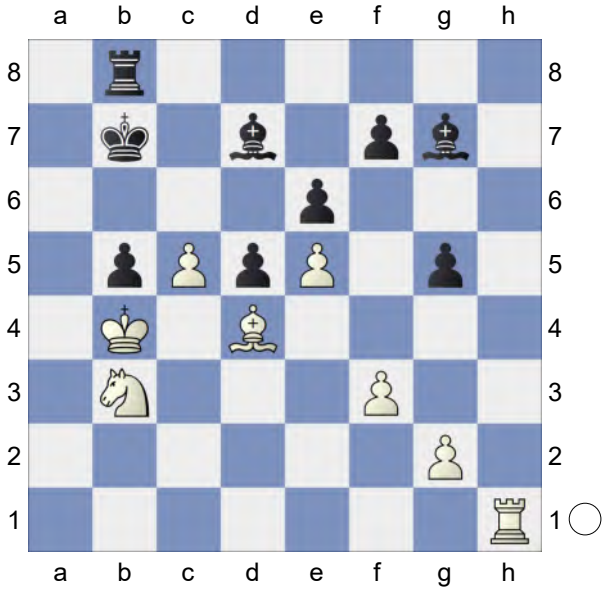


32.Kd2! h6 0.99/23
[32...h5± 0.42/24]
33.Kc3± g5 1.62/23
[33...e6± 0.93/22]
34.hxg5+- hxg5 35.Ra7+ Rb7 36.Ra1 Rb8 37.f3 Kb7 2.63/24
[37...e6 1.68/23 38.Ra7+ Rb7]

(Diagram)



38.b5! cxb5 39.Kb4 e6? 5.13/28
[39...Kc7 3.05/22 might work better. 40.Ra7+ Rb7]
40.Rh1 White is clearly winning.
40...Bd7



41.c6+! Bxc6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.43 **42.Na5+**
1-0

180 **B30**
□ **Stoofvlees Ii A16** **3513**
■ **Komododragon** **3522**
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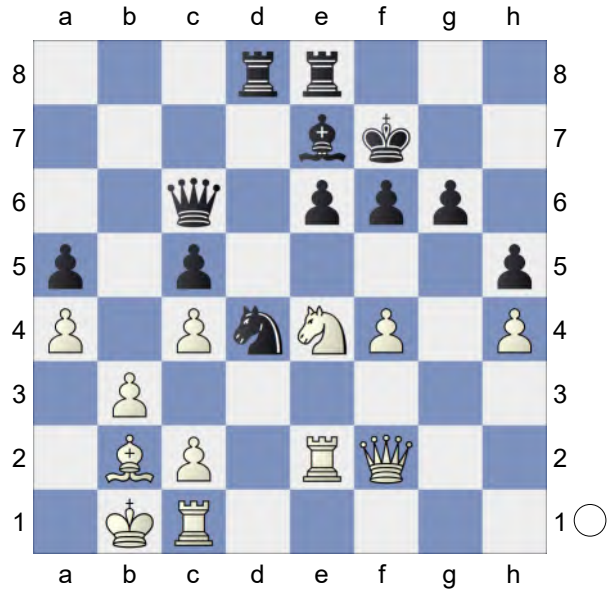
[Kitty Kat]

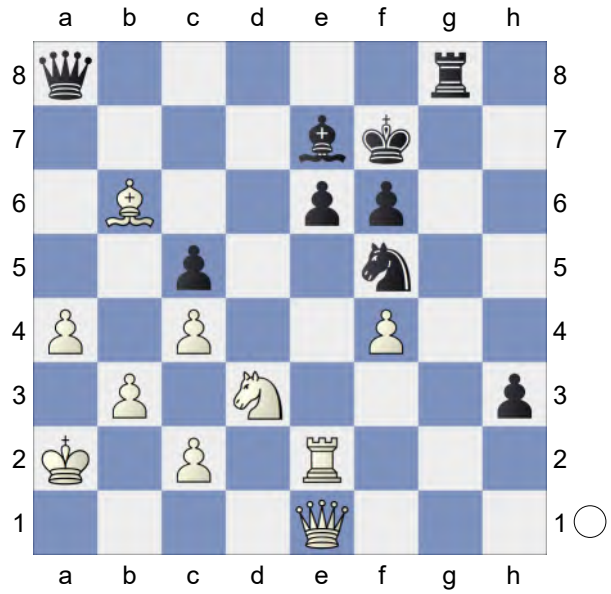
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Qe2 Ng6 7.h4 h5 8.e5! f6 9.b3 d6 White is slightly

better. **10.Qe4 Kf7 11.Nbd2 dxe5 12.Bb2 Qd5 13.Qe3** White has compensation. **13...Ne7 14.0-0-0! Nf5 15.Qe1 Be7 16.Kb1 Nd4 17.Rg1**
[17.Nc4 simplifies Ba6 18.Ne3 Nxf3 19.gxf3 Qd7 20.Nf1]
17...Ba6 18.Ne4 Rab8 19.Qe3 Rbd8 20.Nfd2 Excellent horsemanship. **20...Nf5 21.Qh3 Nd4 22.Rge1 Qd7 23.g3 Nf5 24.Qf1 Qc7 25.Rc1 c4 26.Nxc4 Bxc4 27.dxc4 c5** 1.33/24
[Black should try 27...Bb4 0.88/21]
28.f3!± Nd4 29.Qg2 g6 1.35/23
[⌓29...a5 0.98/21]
30.Qf2 a5 31.a4! Qc6 32.f4 exf4 33.gxf4 Rhe8 34.Re3 Nf5 35.Re2! Nd4



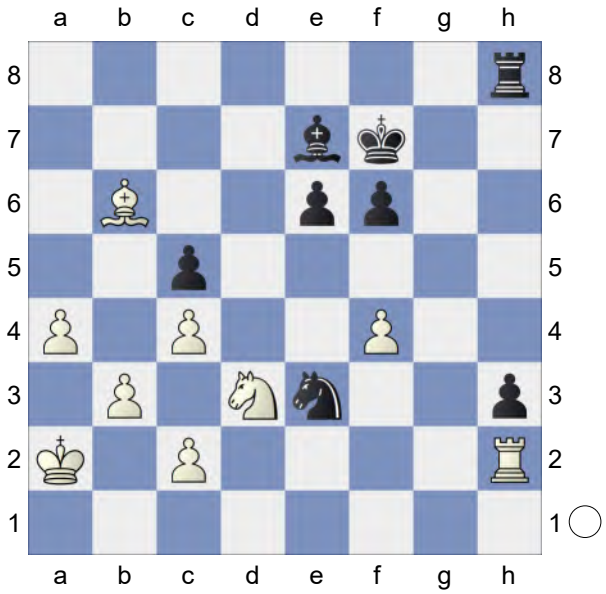
36.Qg2! Qc8
[36...Nxe2 37.Ng5+ fxg5 38.Qxc6 Nxc1 39.fxg5 Nxb3 40.Qf3+ *(40.cxb3 Rd3+-)* 40...Kg8 41.cxb3±]
[36...Qc7 37.Bxd4]
37.Re3 Nf5 Prevents Rg3. **38.Rh3 Qb8 39.Qf2 Qb6 40.Ng3 Nd4 41.Ne2 Nf5 42.Rg1 Qb7 43.Nc1 Bd6 44.Ka2 Qc6 45.Bc3 Ra8 46.Rd1**
[46.Nd3 is more complex. Ra6 47.Qe1 Rg8 48.Qe2]
46...Bc7 47.Nd3 Bd6 48.Rg1 Rg8 49.Re1 Qc7 50.Qf3 Rge8 51.Rhh1 Rac8 52.Re2 Qc6 53.Qh3
[53.Qxc6?! Rxc6 54.Rh3 *(54.Bxa5 Ng3∓)* 54...Bc7=]
53...Bc7 54.Rf1 Rcd8 55.Rg1 Rd7 56.Rd2 Rg8 57.Qh2 Rdd8 58.Qf2 Ra8 59.Rgd1
[59.Nxc5? Bb6 60.Qg2 *(60.Bd4? Nxd4 61.Qxd4 Rad8-+)* 60...Qxg2 *(60...Qxc5? 61.Rd7+ Ne7 62.Re1∓)* 61.Rd7+ Ne7 62.Rxg2 Bxc5-+]
59...Rgd8 60.Re2
[60.Nxc5? Rxd2 61.Rxd2 *(61.Bxd2? Bb6-+)* 61...Bb6-+]
60...Bd6 61.Qg1 Bc7 62.Qe1
[62.Nxc5? Rxd1 *(62...Bxf4? 63.Rxe6 Rxd1 64.Qxd1+-)* 63.Qxd1 Qxc5-+]
62...Rd6 63.Bb2 Bd8 64.Qf2 Be7 65.Rg1
[65.Qxc5? Qxc5 *(65...Nxh4 66.Qg1±)* 66.Nxc5 Rxd1-+]
65...Rc8 66.Bc3 Qa8 67.Rg2
[67.Nxc5? Rxc5 68.Bxf6 *(68.Qxc5? Qf3-+)* 68...Bxf6-+]
67...Rdc6 68.Qe1 White has more active pieces. **68...Rb8 69.Re4**
[69.Bxa5? Ra6 70.Bc3 Rxa4+ 71.Kb1 Rxc4-+]
69...Rbb6 2.08/23
[69...Ra6± 0.89/22]
70.Qg1+-
[70.Bxa5 Ra6 71.Bc3 Rcb6±]
70...Rc8 71.Ree2! Nxh4 1.84/22
[71...Rg8± 1.18/21]
72.Rg3 Rbb8
[72...Nf3?! 73.Qd1 Rh8 74.Qf1=]
73.Bb2 Nf5 2.07/24
[73...Qb7± 1.06/24]
74.Rxg6 Rg8 75.Rxg8! Rxg8 76.Qe1 Qa6 77.Bc3! h4 78.Bxa5 Qa8 79.Bb6
[79.Rxe6 Rg2=]

79...h3

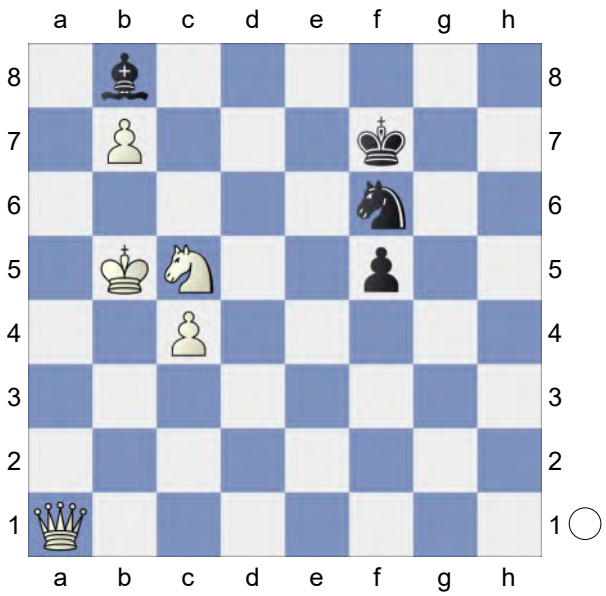


80.Rh2!
[80.Rxe6? h2 81.Rxe7+ *(81.Bxc5? Bxc5-+)* 81...Nxe7 82.Bxc5 Nf5 *(82...h1R? 83.Qxe7+ Kg6 84.Bd4+-)* 83.Ne5+ fxe5 84.Qxe5 Qc8 *(84...h1B? 85.Qxf5+ Kg7 86.Bd4+ Kh6 87.Qh3+ Kg6 88.Qg4+ Kf7 89.Qh5+ Ke7 90.Qh7+ Kd6 91.c5+ Ke6 92.f5+ Kd5 93.Qd7+ Ke4 94.f6+-)* 85.Qd5+ Qe6 86.Qb7+ Kf6-+]
[80.Bxc5 Bxc5 81.Nxc5 Rg2=]
80...Qf3 81.Qh1
[81.Bxc5 Rg2 82.Qc3 Rxh2=]
[81.Nxc5 Bxc5 82.Bxc5 Rg2 83.Rxg2 Qxg2-+]
81...Qxh1 82.Rxh1 Rh8 and ...h2 would now be decisive **83.Rh2**
[83.Nxc5 Ng3 84.Rh2 Nf1=]
[83.Bxc5 Ng3 84.Rh2 Bxc5 85.Nxc5 Nf1=]
83...Ne3

(Diagram)



84.Nf2! Dodges Ng4
[84.Bxc5 Bxc5 85.Nxc5 Nxc2=]
84...Nxc2 85.Rxh3
[85.Nxh3?! Nb4+ 86.Ka3 Ke8±]
85...Rxh3 86.Nxh3 Endgame KBN-KBN. White is a pawn up. **86...Ke8 87.Kb2 Nb4 88.Ba5 Nc6 89.Bc3 Kd7 90.Nf2** 1.49/26
[Better is 90.Kc1+- 1.87/25]
Loses the game. **90...Nb8?** 5.23/27
[90...Bd6± 1.49/26 is tougher. 91.Ne4 *(91.Bxf6 Bxf4 92.Bc3 Be3±)* 91...f5 92.Nxd6 Kxd6]
91.Ne4 f5 92.Nf2 Kc6 93.Ka3 Nd7 94.Nd3 Kb6 95.a5+ Kc6 96.Ka4 Bf8 97.Be1 Bd6 98.b4 Bb8? 8.94/26
[98...cxb4 3.77/27 99.Bxb4 Bc7]
99.b5+ Kb7 100.Bh4 Bd6 101.a6+ Ka7 102.Bd8 e5 103.Ka5 aiming for fxe5. **103...exf4 104.b6+ Kb8 105.Kb5 Kc8 106.b7+ Kxd8 107.a7 f3 108.a8Q+**
[108.a8B? perishes. Bb8 109.Kc6 Ne5+ 110.Nxe5 f2-+ *(110...Bxe5 111.b8Q+ Bxb8 112.Kxc5∓)*]
108...Bb8 109.Qa1 f2 110.Nxf2 Ke7 111.Nd3 Nf6 112.Nxc5 White threatens Qe1+ and mate. **112...Kf7**



113.Qxf6+!! White mates. **113...Kxf6 114.Nd7+ Ke7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) **115.Nxb8**
1-0

181 **B30**
□ **LCZero v0.26.3_T60.66740** **3575**
■ **Rofchade** **3423**
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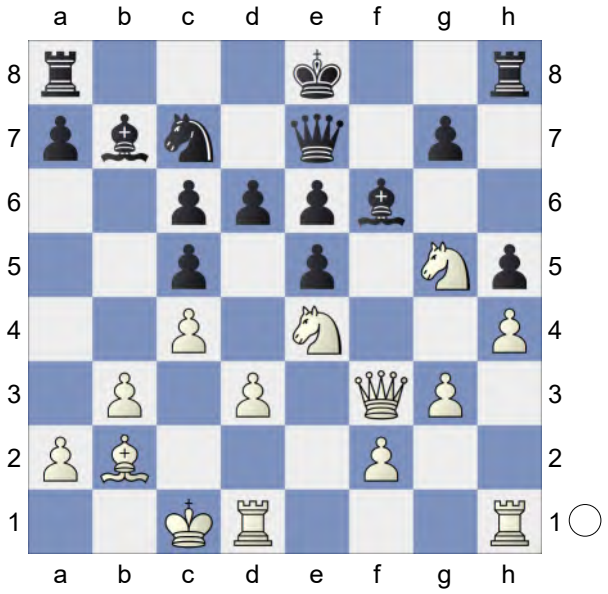
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 Ne7 6.Bb2 Ng6 7.h4 h5 8.e5 White is slightly better. **8...Be7** 0.70/20
[8...c4 0.32/20 was preferable.]
9.d3!± f6 10.Qe2 fxe5 11.Nbd2 0.30/20
[11.Qe4± 0.79/21 Rh6 12.g3]
11...d6 0.91/20
[11...Nxh4? 12.Nxh4 *(12.Nxe5 Nxg2+ 13.Kf1 Nf4=)* 12...Bxh4 13.Bxe5+- *(13.Qxe5? Bf6-+* Skewer *)*]
[11...Nf4= 0.30/20 12.Qe4 d5 *(12...Nxg2+? 13.Kf1+-)*]
White now steadily converts the win.
12.0-0-0± White has strong compensation. **12...Bf6**
[Of course not 12...Nxh4 13.Nxh4 Bxh4 14.Ne4 Bg5+ 15.Kb1]
13.Ng5 Nf4 1.25/21
[⌓13...Ne7 0.72/20]
14.Qf3 Bb7 15.g3 Nd5 16.c4
[16.Nxe6?! Qe7 17.Ng5 Bxg5

18.hxg5 Qxg5=]

16...Nc7 17.Nde4 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. A dynamic duo of knights. **17...Qe7**



18.Nxf6+! gxf6 19.Ne4 f5 20.Ng5 Rh6 21.Qg2 a5 2.15/20

[21...0-0-0± 1.37/23]

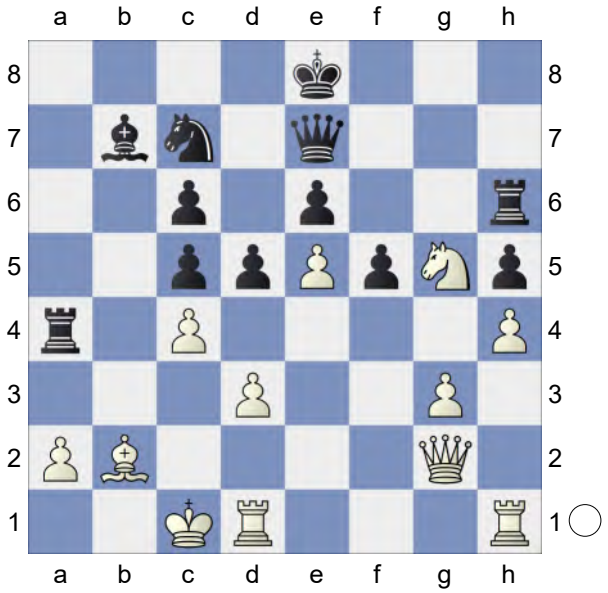
22.f4+- a4 2.20/21

[⌓22...Rh8 1.79/20 23.fxe5 d5]

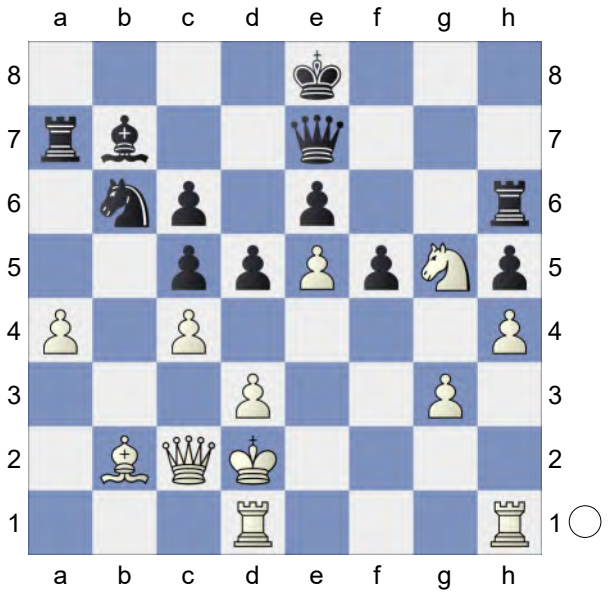
23.bxa4

[Don't take 23.fxe5?! d5 24.bxa4 Rxa4±]

23...Rxa4 24.fxe5 d5



25.Qc2! Ra7 26.Kd2 Na8 27.a4 Nb6



28.a5! Nd7 29.Ke2 Ba6 30.Kf2 Kf8 31.Qe2 Qg7 32.Rb1 Bc8 33.Kg2 Kg8 34.Bc3 Ba6 Black is weak on the dark squares **35.Rb2 Ra8 36.Re1 Qg6 37.Kh2 Qe8 38.Bd2 Rh8 39.Nh3 Qf7 40.Bg5 Bc8 41.Bd8 Qe8 42.Bc7 Kh7 43.Ng5+ Kg7 44.Rc1 Rg8 45.Bb6 d4 46.Re1 Ra6 47.Qf3 Kh6 48.Bc7 Kg7 49.Ra2 Rh8 50.Bd6 Rh6 51.Qe2 Kh8 52.Rb2 Kg8 53.Ra1 Qd8 54.Rab1 Qe8 55.Re1 Rh8 56.Rf1 Rh6 57.Rfb1 Kh8 58.Rc1 Kg7 59.Rf1?** -0.01/24

[59.Ra2+- 5.29/25]

59...Kg8!= 60.Rfb1? 0.01/24

[60.Kg1+- 5.00/25]

60...Kg7? 4.87/25

[60...Kh8!= 0.01/24 61.Ra2 Qg6]

61.Re1? -0.01/25

[61.Ra2+- 4.87/25]

61...Rh8? 4.56/24

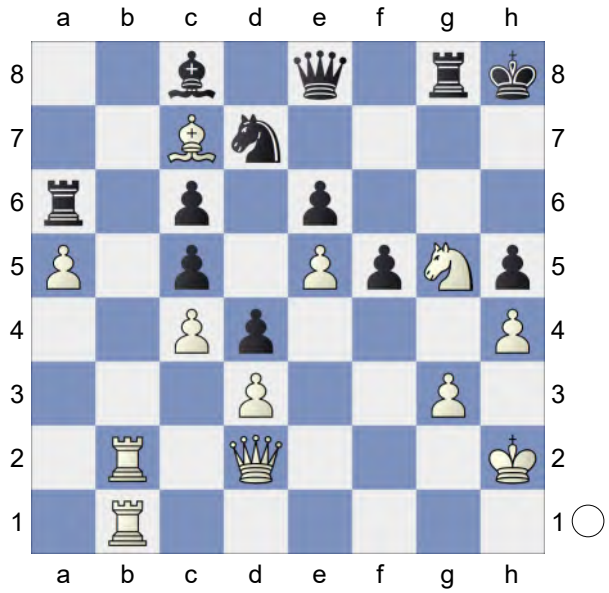
[61...Kg8!= -0.01/25 62.Ra2 Kg7]

62.Rf1+- Qg6 63.Nh3 Qe8 64.Nf4 Rh6 65.Qd2 Kh7 66.Rfb1 Qg8 67.Rb3 Kg7 68.Qc2 Qd8 69.Qe2 Qe8 70.Nh3 Rh8 71.Nf4? -0.01/25

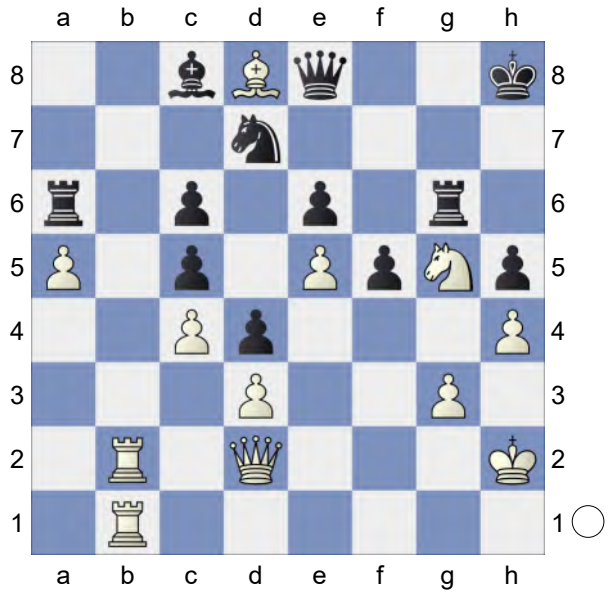
[71.R3b2+- 4.60/25]

71...Rh7? 4.67/26

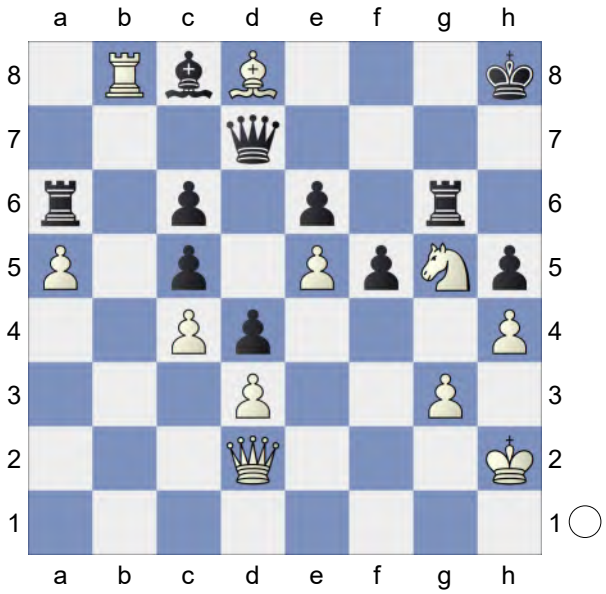
[71...Rh6!= -0.01/25 72.R3b2 Qh8]
72.Bb8 Kg8 73.Bd6? -0.01/25
[73.Qd1+- 4.64/25]
73...Kg7!= 74.Qd2 Kh8 75.Qd1 Rh6 76.Bb8 Kg7 77.Nh3 Ra8 78.Ng5 Ra6 79.Bc7 Rh8 80.R3b2 Rg8 81.Qd2 Kh8 8.41/22
[⌓81...Qg6 4.35/23 82.Bd6 Ra7]



82.Bd8!+- Decoy **82...Rg6**
[82...Qg6 83.Bc7]



83.Rb8! Nxb8 84.Rxb8 Qd7



85.g4! Kg8
[85...hxg4 86.h5]
86.gxh5 Qxd8 87.hxg6 Ra7 88.Nf3 Qc7 89.Rb2 Threatens to win with Qg5. **89...Qxa5 90.Qg5** Threatening mate with h5. **90...Qc7 91.h5 Qe7 92.h6 Qxg5 93.Nxg5** KRB-KRN **93...Ra8 94.Nh7 Bd7 95.Rb7 Rd8 96.Nf6+ Kf8 97.Nxd7+ Rxd7 98.Rxd7** White mates. **98...Ke8 99.Rf7 f4 100.h7 f3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.30 **101.h8R#**
1-0

182 **B30**
□ **AllieStein v0.8-120f959_net-1** **3509**
■ **Stockfish** **3592**
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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.Bxc6N

[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Qe2 f6 7.Nh4! g6 8.f4 Bg7 9.Be3 f5 White is slightly better. **10.e5! Nd5! 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.b3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 c4! 14.Qxb6 axb6 15.bxc4 d6 16.h4 c5 17.Kf2 Bb7 18.Re1 Bxf3 19.Kxf3 h6 20.Nc3 Kd7 21.Nb5 dxe5 22.fxe5 g5 23.h5! Ra4 24.g3 g4+ 25.Kg2 Bf8 26.Rad1 Be7 27.a3 Bg5 28.Kf1 Kc6 29.Rb1 Rd8** 0.40/23

[29...Bd8= 0.04/24]

30.Kg2 Kd7 31.Rbd1 0.01/23

[31.Kg1± 0.37/24]

31...Rf8 0.40/24

[31...Rh8!= 0.01/23]

32.Kf2± Ke7 33.Rb1 Kd7 34.c3 Kc6 35.Ke2 Rd8 36.Rb2 Be7 37.Rd1 Bg5 38.Ra1 Rf8 39.Rg1 Rd8! 40.Ra1 Rf8 41.Rbb1 Rd8 42.Ra2 Be7 43.Rab2 Rf8 44.Rg1 Rd8! 45.Rc1 Bg5 46.Re1 Rd7 0.41/27

[46...Be7= -0.01/25]

47.Reb1 Rd8 48.Nd6 Rb8 49.Nb5

[49.d4 with more complications. cxd4 50.cxd4 Rxa3 51.c5]

49...Rf8 0.36/24

[49...Rd8= -0.01/25]

50.Rf1 Rd8! 51.Ra2 Be7 52.Rc1 Bg5 53.Rb1 Rf8

[53...Be7!?]

54.Rf1 Rd8! 55.Rb2 Be7 56.Re1 Bg5 57.Rd1 Rf8 58.Rbb1 Rd8! 59.Rf1 Rd7 60.Rb2 Rd8 61.Ra2 -0.01/22

[61.Rb3± 0.40/25]

61...Be7= 62.Re1 Bg5 63.Raa1 Rd7 64.Rf1 Rd8 65.Rfe1 -0.01/27

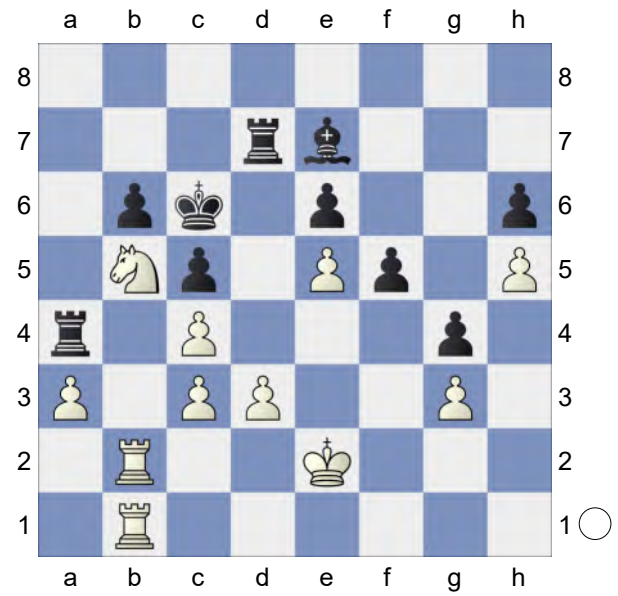
[65.Rfd1± 0.41/26 might be stronger.]

65...Rd7! 66.Red1 Rd8! 67.Rh1 Rd7 68.Rhd1 Rd8! 69.Rab1 Rd7 70.Rf1 Be7 71.Rb2 -0.01/26

[71.Rb3± 0.35/26]

71...Rd8 72.Rfb1 Rf8 73.Rg1 Rd8! 74.Rb3 Rd7 75.Ra1 Rd8! 76.Re1 Rd7 77.Ra1 Rd8! The position is equal. **78.Re1 Rd7 79.Rc1 Bg5 80.Rcb1 Bd8 81.R3b2 Be7**

(Diagram)



82.Nd6! Ra6 83.Nc8 Bd8 84.a4 Bc7 85.Ke3 Rd8

[85...Kb7? 86.Nxb6 *(86.Nd6+ Bxd6 87.exd6 Rxd6∓)* 86...Kc6 *(86...Rxb6? 87.Rxb6+ Bxb6 88.a5+-* Pin*; 86...Bxb6? 87.a5+-* Pin *)* 87.Nxd7 Kxd7 88.Ra2 Bxe5 89.Rb7+ Bc7 90.Kf2+-]

86.Ne7+ Kd7 87.Ng6 Rxa4 88.Rxb6 Bxb6 89.Rxb6 Endgame KRR-KRN

89...Ra1 90.Nf4 Rda8

[90...Re1+ 91.Kf2 Rd1 *(91...Rxe5? 92.Ng6+-* Trapped Piece*)* 92.Rd6+ *(92.Rxe6 Rb8=; 92.Nxe6 Re8+-)* 92...Kc8 93.Rxe6+- *(93.Nxe6? Rxd6* Remove Defender *94.exd6 Rxd3-+)*]

91.Rd6+

[91.Nxe6? too greedy. Re1+ 92.Kf4 Rf1+ 93.Ke3 Rf3+ 94.Kd2 Ra2+ *(94...Rxg3? 95.Nxc5+ Kc7 96.Ra6-+)* 95.Ke1 Rxg3-+ *(95...Re3+? 96.Kf1-+)*]

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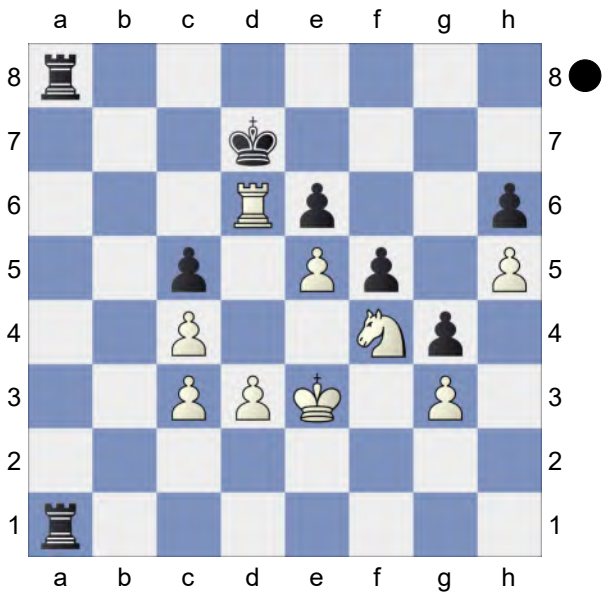


Deflection **91...Kc8 92.Rxe6 Re1+ 93.Kd2 Raa1 94.Rc6+ Kd8 95.Rxc5 Rf1 96.Ne6+! Kd7 97.Nf8+ Kd8** aiming for ...Rf3. **98.Ne6+! Ke7 99.Rc6** Threatens to win with Ke3. **99...Rf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) **100.Kc2!**

½-½

183 **B31**

□ **Beerdsen,Thomas** **2509**

■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**

Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (1)

[Kitty Kat]

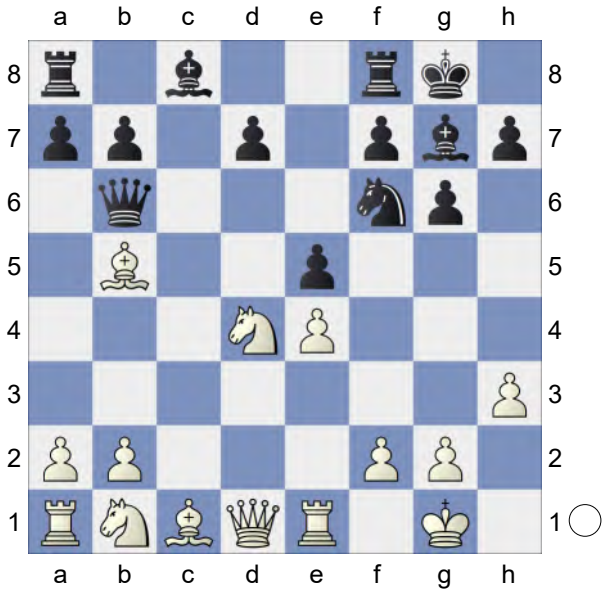
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

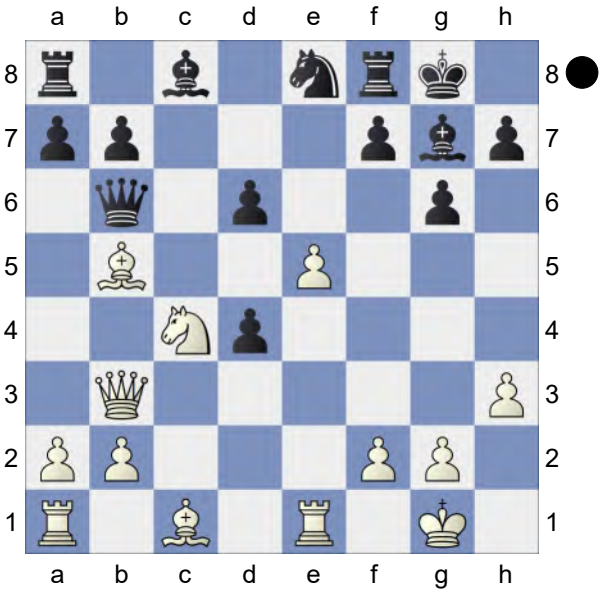
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.h3 e5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 now scores much better than the old 9... exd4. punktet besser als das ältere 9... exd4. **10.Nxd4 Qb6**

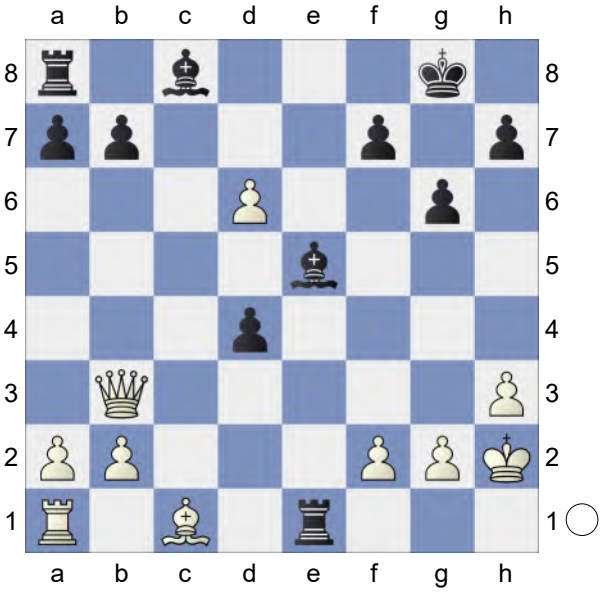


11.Qb3 -0.60/24 **exd4∓** Black is slightly better. **12.e5 Ne8 13.Bg5N**

[Vorgänger: 13.Na3 d6 14.Nc4



Qd8? 0.80/22 *(14...Qc5!∓* -0.73/23 *15.Nxd6 Nxd6 16.exd6 Qxd6)* 15.Bxe8± Rxe8 0.88/23 *(15...Be6!±* 0.35/23 *)* 16.Nxd6± Qxd6 17.exd6 Rxe1+ 18.Kh2 Qb4 is the strong threat. Be5+? 3.92/25 *(18...Bf5±* 1.23/22 *)*



19.g3! 1-0 Shirov,A (2684)-Paravyan, D (2629) Wch Rapid Moscow 2019 (15)]

13...Nc7 14.Bc4 Qxb3! 15.Bxb3 Ne6 16.Be7 Re8↑ Black has good play. **17.Bd6 Bf8 18.Nd2** -0.69/23
[18.Bxf8= 0.17/22 Kxf8 19.Na3]
18...Bxd6∓ 19.exd6 b6 20.Nf3 -1.18/23
[White should play 20.Bd5∓ -0.58/22 Rb8 21.Nf3]
20...Ba6 -0.49/22
[Better is 20...Bb7∓ -1.18/23 21.Ne5 Kg7]
21.Ne5 -1.73/23
[21.Rad1∓ -0.49/22]
21...Rad8 22.Rad1 Kg7 23.g3 -2.02/22
[23.Kh2∓ -1.40/21]
23...h5 24.h4 f6 25.Nf3 -2.75/22
[25.Nd3∓ -1.54/23 keeps fighting.]
25...d3-+ 26.Nd2 Nd4 -1.48/23
[26...Rc8-+ -2.97/20 and Black stays clearly on top. and ...Kf8 should not be overlooked 27.Bd5 Nc5]
Now White is beyond hope. **27.Bd5?** -5.83/22
[27.Re7+∓ -1.48/23 Rxe7 28.dxe7]
27...Re2 Black is clearly winning. **28.b3 Rde8 29.Rf1 R8e5 30.Bg2 Re6 31.Nc4 Bxc4** Remove Defender **32.bxc4 d2**
[Weaker is 32...Rxa2 33.Rxd3 Nf5 *(33...Rxd6 34.Rfd1∓)* 34.Bh3∓]
33.Bd5 Rxd6 34.f4 Nf5 35.Rf2 Re1+ 36.Rf1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/Black=0.28 (precise) **36...Rxf1+ 0-1**

184 **B30**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2766**
■ **Cabarkapa,N.** **2445**
Titled Tue 15th Jul Early blitz (2) 15.7.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Ba4 b5 0.86/22
[Black should try 7...Ng6± 0.35/21]
8.Bc2± White is better. **8...d5 9.a4 b4 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Be4 Be7 12.c4** And now d4! would win. **12...0-0** 1.32/21 **13.cxd5 exd5**

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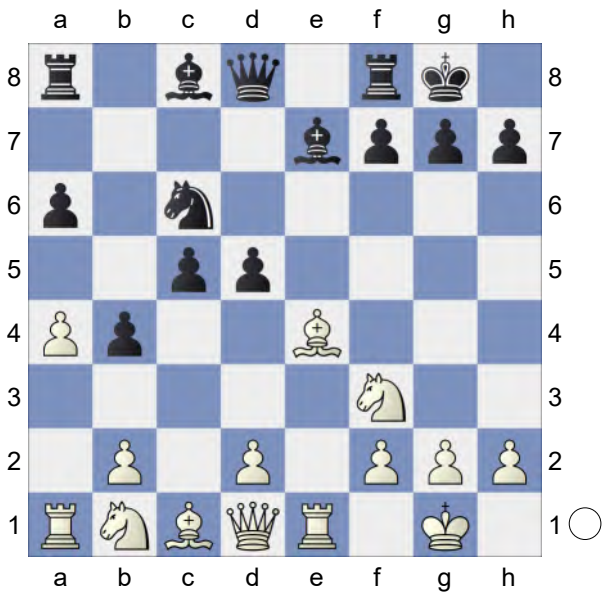
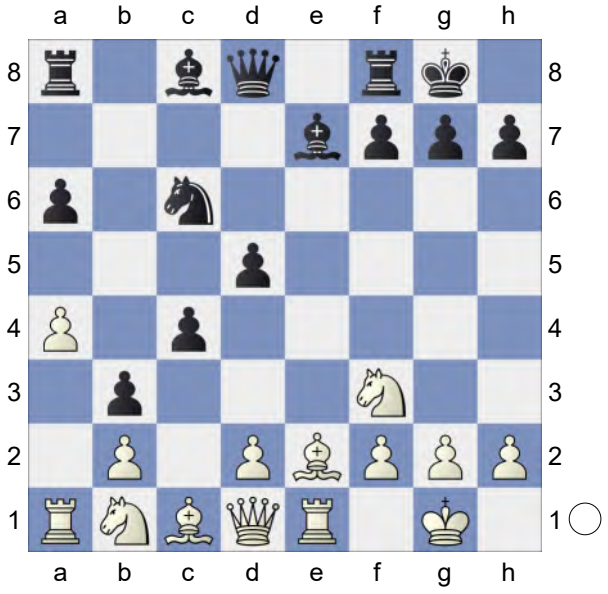


14.Bd3 c4 1.43/20
[⌓14...Re8 1.00/20]
15.Be2 A mistake that costs the game.
15...b3? 2.95/20
[15...Be6± 1.26/20 might work better.]



16.d3!+- Nb4 17.Na3 Prevents Nc2.
[Inferior is 17.dxc4 Nc2=]
17...Bc5 18.dxc4 Qb6 19.Rf1
[19.cxd5 Bxf2+ 20.Kh1 Bxe1±]
19...d4 20.Ne5
[Less strong is 20.Qxb3 Bf5 21.a5 Qd6+-]
20...Re8 21.Nd3 Bf5 22.Nxb4 Bxb4 23.Bd3 Bd7 24.Qxb3 White is clearly winning. **24...Rab8 25.Nc2 Qd6 26.Nxb4 Rxb4 27.Qc2 g6 28.b3 Re5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.71 **29.Bf4**
1-0

185 **B31**
□ **Alster** **2519**
■ **Molina,Roberto Junio Brito** **2852**
Budapest FS09 GM (4.1) 09.03.2023
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.h3 e5 8.Na3 Qc7

[8...Ne7 9.Nc4 Qc7 10.d4 -0.21/23 *(10.d3± 0.73/19)* 10...cxd4= 11.cxd4 exd4 12.Nxd4 -0.76/22 *(12.e5=* -0.18/21 keeps the balance.*)* 12...0-0 0.12/22 *(12...b5∓* -0.76/22 *13.Nxb5 axb5 14.Nd6+ Kf8)* 13.Ne2!= Black must now prevent Bf4. Rd8? 4.02/22 *(13...c5=* 0.12/21 and Black has nothing to worry.*)* 14.Qc2? 0.35/22 *(14.Bf4!+-* 4.02/22 *)* 14...Be6? 3.87/20 *(14...c5±* 0.35/22 *)*]

9.d3 White is slightly better. **9...Nf6 10.Be3 Nd7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.Bh6 Re8 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nc4 b5 15.Ne3** A dynamic duo of knights. **15...Nf6 16.c4** -0.01/20

[White should play 16.a4± 0.54/18]

16...b4 17.b3 a5 18.a3 Be6 19.Qb2 Nd7 20.axb4 cxb4 0.39/22

[20...axb4= -0.01/22 is superior. 21.h4 Qd6]

21.Ng5 -0.93/22

[21.d4± 0.39/22 keeps the upper hand.]

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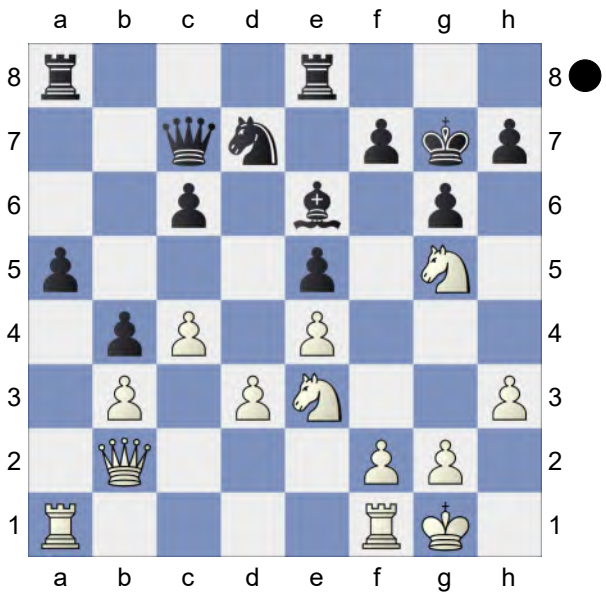
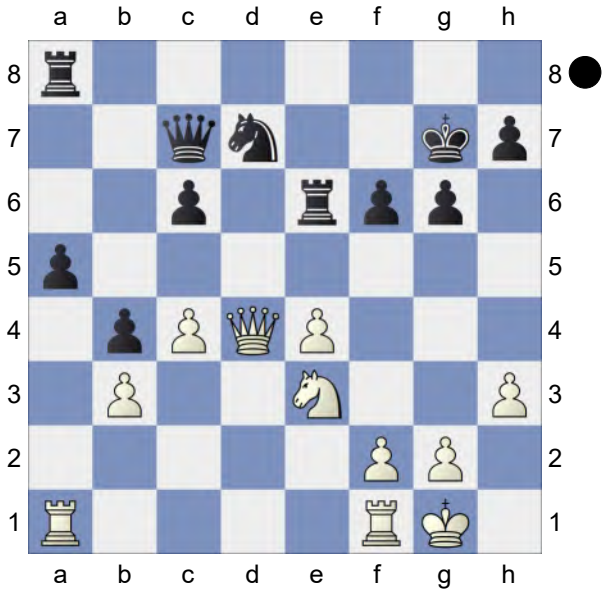


21...f6!∓ 22.Nxe6+ Rxe6 23.d4 Prevents Nc5 **23...exd4 24.Qxd4**



Qd6 25.Qb2 -1.83/22

[25.Nc2∓ -1.17/24 was worth a try. Nc5 26.Qxd6 Rxd6 27.Nxb4]

25...Qe5 -1.29/24

[25...Rxe4 26.Rfd1 Qe7 27.Nc2]

[25...Nc5-+ -1.83/22 26.Nc2 Rxe4 27.Nxb4 Rb8]

26.Qd2 Rd6 27.Qc1 h5 -0.72/24 Prevents Ng4. Black has more active pieces.

[27...Qxe4 28.Ng4 Qd4 29.Qh6+

Kg8 30.Rfe1=]
[Better is 27...Rd3 -1.26/22 Threatens to win with ...Qc3!. 28.Ng4 Qd6 *(28...Qxe4? 29.Qh6+ Kh8 30.Rfe1+-)*]
28.c5 Qxc5
[28...Nxc5 29.Nc4 Nxb3 *(29...Qxe4? 30.Nxd6* Discovered Attack *Qd4 31.Rd1+-)* 30.Qe3+-]
29.Nc4! Rd4↑ Black has the initiative.
30.Rd1 a4 This costs White the game.
31.Rxd4? -2.36/21
[31.Rxa4∓ -0.68/25 Rxa4 32.bxa4]
31...Qxd4-+ 32.Qe1? -4.97/24
[32.Rxa4 -2.19/23 is the only way for White. Rxa4 33.bxa4]
32...Nc5 33.Rd1 Qc3
[33...Qxe4 34.Qxb4 Qf5 *(34...Nxb3?* perishes. *35.Qb7+ Kh6 36.Qxa8+-)* 35.Nb6±]
34.Qe2 -8.75/18
[⌓34.Qxc3 -5.15/24 bxc3 35.bxa4]
34...axb3
[34...Qxb3 35.e5 f5 *(35...Qc3 36.exf6+ Qxf6 37.Rd6=)* 36.e6∓]
35.e5 Ra1 36.exf6+ Kxf6
[36...Qxf6? 37.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 38.Kh2∓]
37.Rxa1 Qxa1+ Endgame KQN-KQN. Black is two pawns up. **38.Kh2 Qd4 39.g3 Nd3 40.Qf3+ Kg7 41.Qxc6 Qxf2+**
[41...Nxf2 42.Qb7+ Kg8 43.Qc8+ Kh7 44.Qb7+ Qg7 45.Qxb4∓]
42.Kh1 Qxg3 43.Qd7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/Black=0.07 (flawless)
43...Kh6
0-1

186 **B30**
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2672**
■ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2620**
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[Kitty Kat]

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4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 Ne7
6...d6 is vanishing. 6...d6 scheint zu

verschwinden. **7.Re1!?** 7.h4 is a critical line. Exploring less charted territory. 7. h4 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **7...e5 8.c3 d6 9.d4** The position is equal. **9...Ng6** Repels Nh4 **10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Nbd2 Be7 12.Nc4 0-0 13.Be3 Be6 14.Qa4 a5N**

[Vorgänger: 14...Rfd8 15.Rad1 Rxd1 16.Rxd1 Bg4 17.Kf1 Qb7 18.Rd2 f6 19.h3 Be6 20.Nd6 Prevents Qb5+. Qc7 21.Bxc5 Rd8 ½-½ (29) Gudok,V (2145)-Dubovik,V ICCF email 2018]

15.Nfd2 Qb7 16.b3 Rfd8 17.Nb2 Qc8 and …Bh3! would now be decisive **18.f3 h5** 0.51/23

[18...Nf4= 0.15/23 should be considered.]

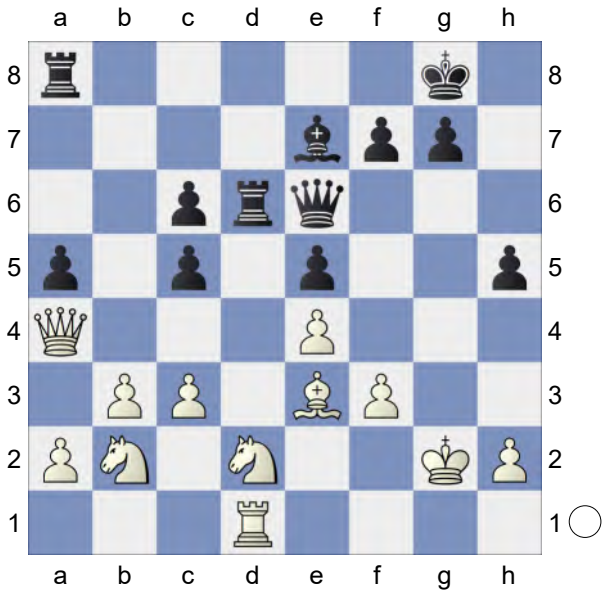
19.Rad1 Nh4 20.Nbc4 Bh3 21.Re2 Bxg2 22.Rxg2 Nxg2 23.Kxg2 Qe6 0.93/25

[23...Rd3= 0.24/24 remains equal.]

24.Nb2 A dynamic duo of knights.

[24.Nxa5? Rd3 25.Re1 Qg6+ 26.Kh1 Bh4-+]

24...Rd6



25.Qc4!↑ White fights for an advantage. Dancing on a razor blade.

[25.Bxc5 Rxd2+ 26.Rxd2 Qg6+ *(26...Bxc5 27.Qc4∓)* 27.Kh1 Bxc5-+]

25...Qg6+ 26.Kh1 aiming for Rg1!.

26...Bg5 27.Qxc5 0.39/24

[27.Rg1 Bxe3 28.Rxg6 Rxg6-+]

[27.f4± 0.79/27 Bxf4 28.Rg1 *(28.Qxc5? Rxd2* Remove Defender *29.Bxd2 Qxe4+ 30.Kg1 Bxd2-+)*]

27...Rad8± **28.Rg1!** A mistake that costs the game. **28...Bxe3** 3.96/28

[28...Rxd2± 0.66/28 29.Bxg5 *(29.Rxg5? Qf6-+)* 29...Rxb2 30.Bxd8 Discovered Attack Qe6]

29.Qxe3+-

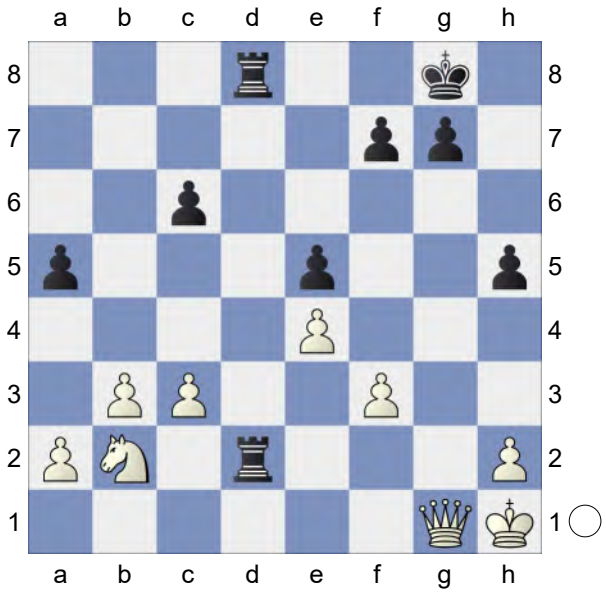
[29.Rxg6? Bxc5 30.Rxd6 Bxd6-+ *(30...Rxd6? 31.Ndc4-+)*]

29...Qxg1+ 5.11/29

[29...Qf6 3.19/24 was worth a try.]

30.Qxg1 White is clearly winning.

30...Rxd2



31.Qb6! R8d7 32.Qxc6 Rd8 33.Qc7 R8d7 7.63/24

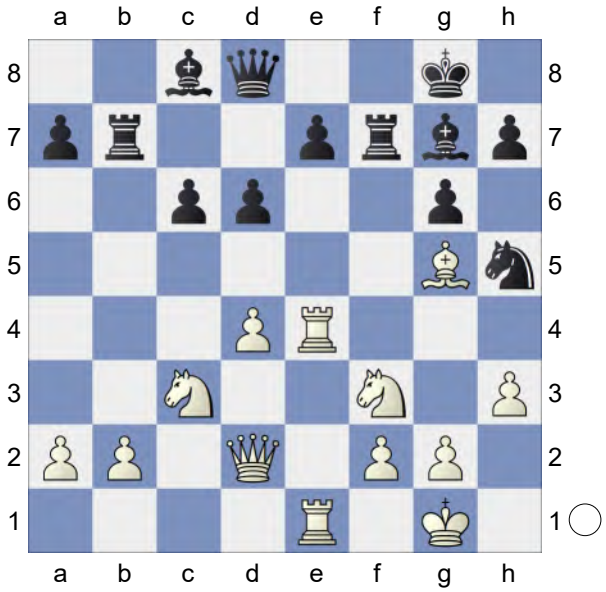
[⌓33...f6 5.01/25 34.Nc4 *(34.Qxa5 R8d7+-)* 34...Rd1+ 35.Kg2 R8d3 36.Qxa5 *(36.Nxa5?* perishes. *R3d2+ 37.Kh3 Rh1-+)* 36...Kh7]

34.Qxe5 Rd8 Weighted Error Value:

White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.46
35.Qe7
1-0

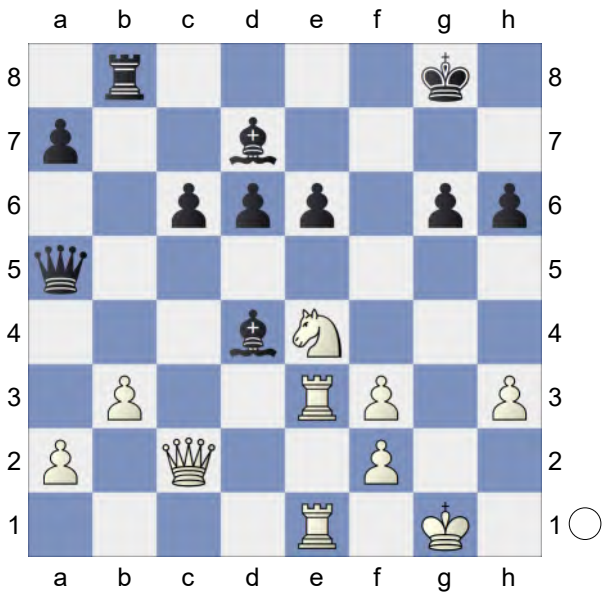
187 **B31**
□ **ProteusSF-lite** **3090**
■ **admete_bot** **2364**
Rapid 21.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Rb8 0.91/22
[9...d5⩲ 0.36/24]
10.Bf4± White is better. **10...d6 11.Qd2 Ng4 12.h3 Nf6 13.Nc3 Nh5 14.Bg5 f6 15.Be3 f5** White must now prevent ... f4. **16.Bg5 fxe4 17.Rxe4 Rf7 18.Rae1 Rb7**



19.Qe2! Nf6 20.Re3 h6 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Ne4 Bg7 23.b3 Bd7 24.Ng3 e6 25.Qc2 Qf6 26.Nh2 White is more active. **26...Qg5 27.Re4 Qa5 28.Nf3 Rf6 29.R4e3 Rb8** 2.45/23
[29...Qb4 1.87/22 was called for. 30.Rb1 d5]
30.Ne4+- Rxf3 31.gxf3 Bxd4

(Diagram)



32.Qd3! Bxe3 33.Rxe3 Qe5 5.15/27 Wards off Nf6+
[33...Rf8 3.17/26 34.Qxd6 Rf7]
34.f4
[34.Nxd6 Qg5+ 35.Kf1 Rf8±]
[34.Qxd6 Qxd6 35.Nxd6 Kf8±]
34...Qa1+ 35.Kh2 d5 36.Nc5! Discovered Attack, Double Attack
36...Be8 37.Rxe6 Qb2 38.Qg3 Qc2 39.Nd3 Bf7 40.f5 Discovered Attack
40...Rb7 41.Rd6 Re7 42.Rd8+ Re8 43.Rxe8+ Bxe8 Endgame KQB-KQN
44.Qe5 Prevents Qe2.
[Less strong is 44.fxg6 a6 45.g7 Qe2±]
44...Bd7 45.Qb8+ Kg7 46.Qxa7 gxf5 47.Qxd7+ Kf6 48.Qd6+ Kg7 49.Qe7+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Kg7 51.Qe7+? 0.01/28
[51.Qe5++- 14.03/26 Kf7 52.Qxf5+ Ke7 53.Qh7+ Kd8 54.a4]
51...Kg8= 52.Qe8+? -0.01/28
[White should try 52.Qd8++- 12.68/27 Kg7 53.Qe7+]
52...Kg7! 53.Qe5+ Kf7 54.Qxf5+ Kg7 55.a4 h5 56.a5 And now a6 would win.
56...Qxb3 57.Ne5 d4 58.Qg6+ Kf8 59.Qf6+ 32.69/31
[⌓59.Qd6+ #21/29 Ke8 60.a6 *(60.Qxd4 Qe6+-; 60.Qxc6+ Ke7+-; 60.Nxc6 Kf7+-)* 60...Qa2 61.Qd7+ *(61.Qxd4 Ke7+-; 61.Qxc6+ Ke7+-)* 61...Kf8 62.Qd8+ *(62.Nxc6 Qxf2+ 63.Kh1 Qf1+ 64.Kh2 Qf2+ 65.Kh1 Qe1+ 66.Kg2 Qd2+ 67.Kf1 Qd1+ 68.Kf2 Qd2+ 69.Kf1 Qd1+ 70.Kf2 Qd2+ 71.Kf1=)* 62...Kg7 63.Qe7+ *(63.Nxc6 Qxf2+ 64.Kh1 Qf1+ 65.Kh2 Qf2+ 66.Kh1 Qf1+ 67.Kh2 Qf2+=; 63.Qxd4 Qxa6 64.Qd7+ Kf6+-)* 63...Kg8 64.Qf6 *(64.Nxc6 Qxf2+ 65.Kh1 Qf1+ 66.Kh2 Qf2+ 67.Kh1 Qf1+ 68.Kh2 Qf2+=)*]
59...Kg8 60.a6 Qa2 61.Ng6 Kh7 62.Ne7 Qxf2+ 63.Qxf2 Threatening mate with Qf7+. **63...Kg7 64.a7** White mates. **64...h4 65.a8Q Kh6 66.Qxh4+ Kg7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.42
67.Qg8#
1-0

188 **B30**
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2673**
■ **Theodorou,Nikolas** **2591**
Sharjah Masters 6th (1) 17.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7

11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 Ng6 9.c4 White has an edge.

9...Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Rb1 Qc7 The old main line. The old main line.

12.Be3 Rd8 13.g3 Bb7N 0.56/20

[Vorgänger: 13...d6 14.Qc2 Rb8 0.43/20 *(14...c5=* 0.07/18 is more appropriate.*)* 15.a3 -0.01/20 *(15.h4±* 0.43/20 *)* 15...c5!= 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.b4 a6! 18.Nc3 Bb7 19.f4 Qc7 ½-½ Kolomytchenko,I (2341)-Zavrazhnov,A (2371) RUS-ch19 sf-1 email 2019]

[13...d6= 0.10/21]

14.c5± d5 aiming for ...d4!. **15.cxd6 Bxd6 16.Qc2 Qa5** 1.02/20

[16...Qc8± 0.63/19]

17.Qa4± Qc7 18.Rfd1

[18.Bxa7? Qe7 *(18...Bc5 19.Bxc5 Rxa4 20.Nxa4∓)* 19.Rfd1 Bc8-+]

18...c5 19.Rbc1 0.28/20 White has more active pieces.

[White should try 19.Bg5!± 0.80/21 And now Nb5! would win. Be7 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Qc4]

White stays focused until the end.

19...a6 1.26/21 Repels Nb5

[19...Be7= 0.28/20 remains equal.]

20.Qc2!↑ Black is under strong pressure.

20...Qc6 21.Na4 Qxe4 1.64/22

[21...a5± 1.10/23]

22.Qxe4+-

[22.Nxc5? Qh1#]

22...Bxe4 23.Nxc5

[23.Bxc5?! Bc7±]

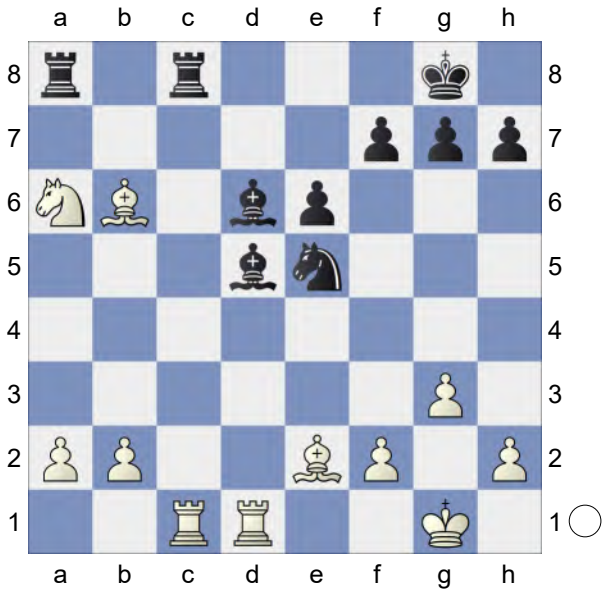
23...Bd5 2.54/24

[23...Bxc5± 1.51/23 is a better defense. 24.Rxd8+ *(24.Bxc5 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Bd5=)* 24...Rxd8 25.Rxc5 *(25.Bxc5 h6±)* 25...f6]

24.Nxa6

[24.Bxa6? Bxc5 *(24...Bxa2? 25.Nb7±)* 25.Bxc5 Rxa6-+]

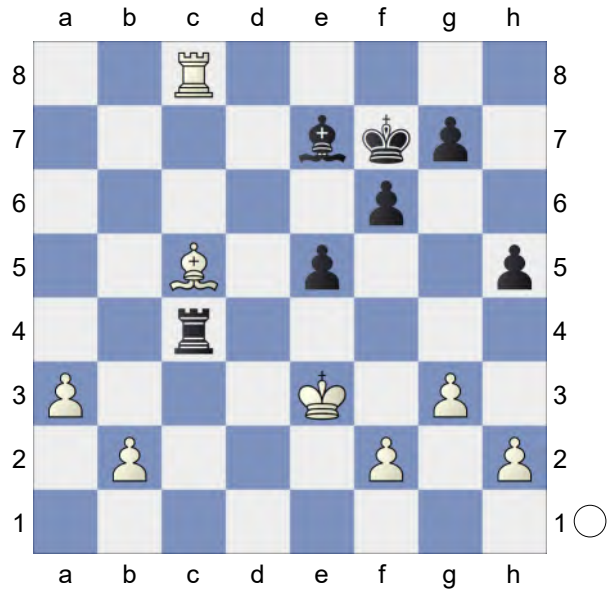
24...Ne5 25.Bb6 Rdc8



26.Bc7! Bf3 27.Bxf3 Remove Defender

[Not 27.Bxd6 Bxe2 28.Nc7 *(28.Bxe5 Bxd1 29.Rxd1 Rxa6∓; 28.Rxc8+? Rxc8 29.Bxe5 Bxd1-+)* 28...Ra5= *(28...Rxa2 29.Bxe5 Bxd1 30.Rxd1±; 28...Rxc7? 29.Bxc7 Nd3 30.Rxd3+-)*]

27...Nxf3+ 28.Kg2 Be7 29.Kxf3 Rxa6 30.a3 h5 31.Be5 Rxc1 32.Rxc1 Endgame KRB-KRB. White is a pawn up. **32...f6 33.Rc8+ Kf7 34.Bd4 Ra4 35.Ke3 e5 36.Bc5 Rc4?** 7.69/23
[36...Bxc5+ 3.86/23 37.Rxc5 g5]

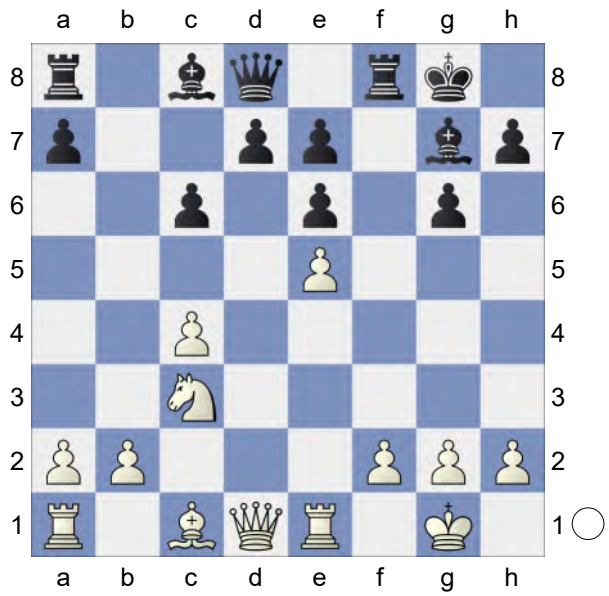


37.b4! White is clearly winning.
[Don't blunder 37.Kd3? Rxc5 38.Rxc5 Bxc5-+]
37...Bxc5+ 38.Rxc5 Rxc5 39.bxc5 KP-KP. White is a pawn up. **39...Ke6 40.a4 Kd5 41.a5 f5 42.a6 Kc6 43.h4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.68 **43...Kd5**
1-0

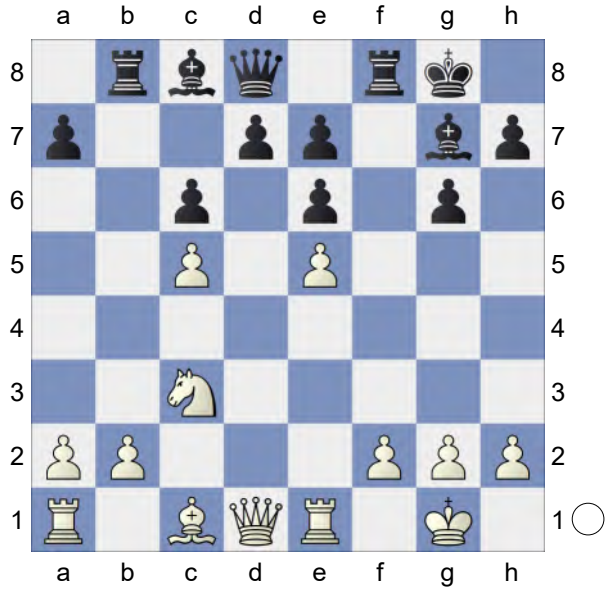
189 **B31**
□ **Fire Beta** **3729**
■ **Rofchade** **3661**
TCEC 18 Premier 2020 (27.1) 07.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7 9.Nc3 Ne6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 0-0 White is better.
12.Nxe6 fxe6

(Diagram)



13.c5 0.27/23 Repels Qb6
[Better is 13.Ne4!± 0.73/23]
13...Rb8 0.94/24
[13...Rf5= 0.27/23]

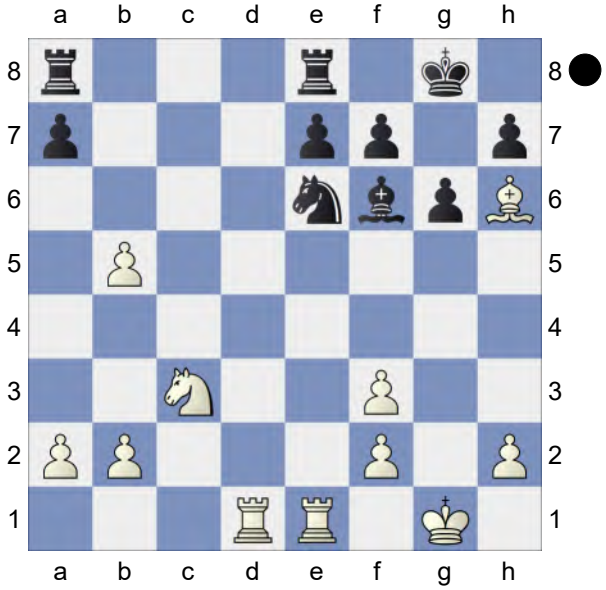


14.Qd4 0.19/23
[14.Ne4!± 0.94/24]
14...Qc7 15.Nd1 Rf5 16.Bf4 Qa5 17.Ne3 Rb4! 18.Nc4 g5!
[18...Ba6 19.b3 Rxf4 *(19...Bxc4 20.Bd2±* Skewer *)* 20.Qxf4 Bxc4 21.bxc4±]
19.Bg3
[19.Bd2? Rxc4 20.Qxc4 Qxd2-+]
19...Ba6 20.b3 Bxc4 21.bxc4 Rb7 22.Re2 Qa3 23.Rd1 Kf8 24.h4 gxh4 25.Bxh4
[25.Qxh4 h5=]
25...Bh6 Dodges f4 **26.Bg3 Bg5** Dodges Qh4 **27.Bh2 h5! 28.f4 Bh6 29.Kh1 Bg7 30.Red2 Kf7 31.Qe4 Qxc5** 0.74/21
[31...h4!± 0.31/23]
32.Qe2 0.38/21
[32.Bg1± 0.74/21 Qa3 33.Qe3 *(33.Rxd7 Rxd7 34.Rxd7 Qg3=)* 33...Qxe3 34.Bxe3]
32...Rb4 33.Rc2 White has compensation.
[33.Rxd7 Rxc4 34.Qd2 *(34.Bg1 Qb5∓)* 34...Bf8∓]
33...Qb6 34.Bg1 Qd8 35.Rcd2 White is more active. **35...Rb7 36.Bh2** 0.21/23
[36.g3± 0.83/21]
36...Qe8 37.Rd3 c5 0.53/20
[37...Kf8!= 0.15/21]
38.Bg1± Bh6 39.Be3
[39.Bxc5 Qc8 *(39...Bxf4? 40.Rf3±)* 40.Qf2 Bg7∓ *(40...Bxf4 41.Rf3±)*]
39...Qc8! 40.Kg1
[40.Bc1 looks sharper. Rb1 41.Rh3 Qg8 42.g4]
40...a5 41.g3 0.15/21
[41.Qf3± 0.58/22]
41...Bf8!= 42.Ra3 Qc6 The position is equal. **43.Rxa5 Qe4! 44.Rxc5 d6 45.Rb5 Rxb5! 46.cxb5 dxe5 47.Rf1** and b6 would now be decisive **47...Bg7 48.Kh2 exf4 49.Rxf4 Rxf4 50.gxf4** E n d g a m e K Q B - K Q B **50...Kf8** Hoping for ...Bd4. **51.b6 Bc3 52.a3 Bd4 53.b7! Ba7 54.Kg3 Qxb7 55.Bxa7 Qxa7 56.Qxe6 Qg1+ 57.Kh4 Qh2+ 58.Kg5 Qg3+ 59.Kxh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08

(flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
59...Qxa3
½-½

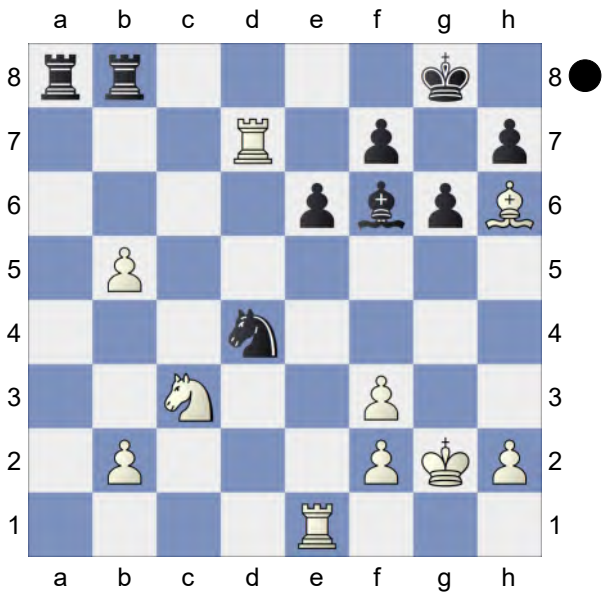
190 **B31**
□ **Rofchade** **3661**
■ **Fire Beta** **3729**
TCEC 18 Premier 2020 (20.1) 04.06.2020
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Qxd4 Ne6 11.Qh4 Threatening Bh6.
11...d6 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Nc3 Bf6 14.Qe4 0-0 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Rad1 Qb4 17.Qxc6 Bb7 This pair of bishops is nice. **18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.cxb5 Bxf3! 20.gxf3**



Reb8! 21.a4 a6 22.Rd5 axb5 23.axb5 Nd4 0.62/26
[23...Ra5= 0.22/25]
24.Kg2 0.21/23
[24.Rd1!± 0.62/26 Nxf3+ 25.Kh1]
24...e6= 25.Rc5 Be7 26.Rc7 Bf6 27.Rc5 Be7! 28.Rc7 Bf6 29.Rd7

(Diagram)



Nxb5 30.Ne4 Bxb2 31.Red1 Be5 32.f4 Bh8 33.Ng5 Nc3 34.R1d3 f5 35.Nxe6 Ne4 36.Bg7 Nf6 37.Bxf6 Bxf6 38.Nc7 Ra2 39.Nd5 Bh4 40.Kh3 Bxf2 41.Nf6+ Kf8 42.Rxh7 Rh8+ would now be deadly. **42...Rba8 43.Nd7+ Kg8 44.Nf6+ Kf8 45.Rc7 R2a7 46.Rxa7 Rxa7** Endgame KRB-KRN **47.Nd7+ Kg7 48.Ne5 Bc5 49.Rd8 Be3 50.Rd6 Bxf4 51.Rxg6+ Kh8**

[51...Kh7!? 52.Rf6 Bxe5 53.Rxf5 Bc7∓]

52.Rf6 Bxe5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **53.Rxf5**

½-½

191 **B31**

□ **Scorpionn** **3812**

■ **Houdini** **3854**

TCEC 18 Premier 2020 (34.1) 06.04.2020

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4**

[1.Nc3 Bg4 h3 Bf3 is a sac]

1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

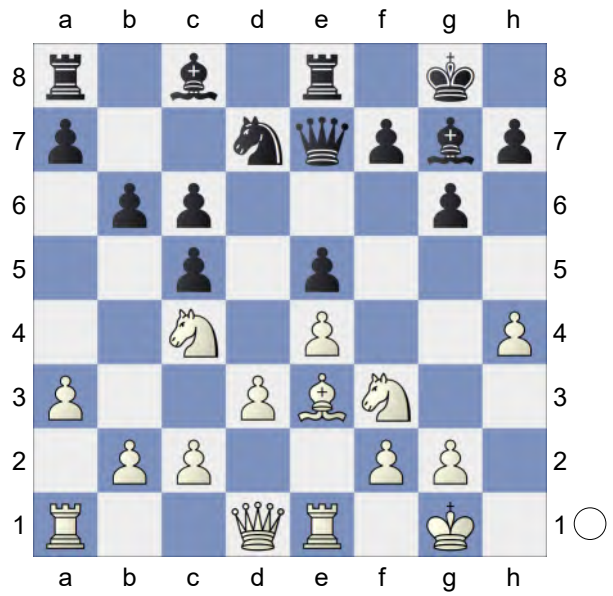
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

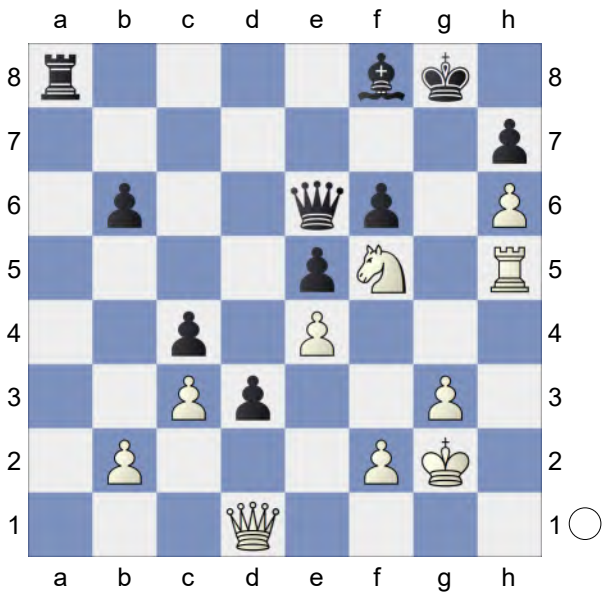
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.Nc4 Nd7 10.a3 0-0 11.Be3 b6 12.h4 White is slightly better. **12...Re8**

(Diagram)



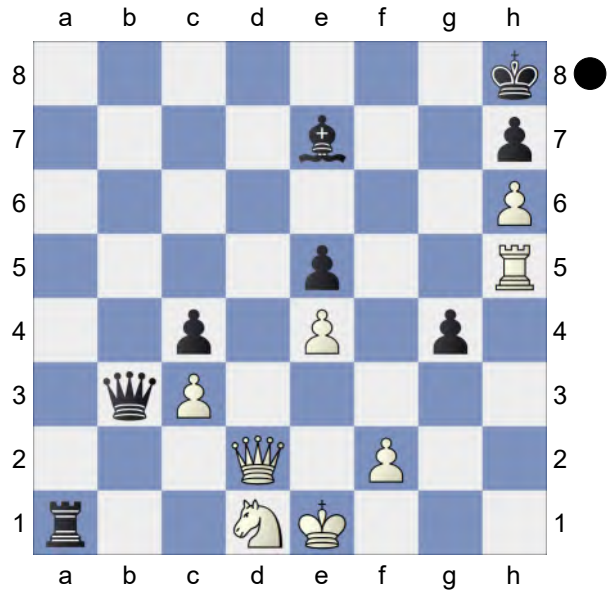
13.h5! Ba6 14.Qe2 Rad8 15.g3 Bxc4 16.dxc4 Nf8 17.a4 Ne6 18.h6 Bh8 0.78/23
[18...Bf6!± 0.39/24]
19.a5± Nd4 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.axb6 axb6 22.Ra6 Rb8 23.Qd3 Black is weak on the light squares **23...c5 24.Qb3** White is more active. **24...Qf6 25.Kg2 g5! 26.Rh1 Qg6** Repels Rh5 **27.Qd3 Ra8! 28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.Nh2 Qe6** 1.07/26 Against Ng4
[29...g4!± 0.49/26]
30.Qf3 0.66/25
[30.Qe2± 1.07/26]
30...Qxc4± 31.Qf5 Qe6
[31...Qxc2 32.Nf3 *(32.Qxg5+ Kf8±)* 32...f6 33.Qe6+ Kf8 34.Qd6+ *(34.Qxb6 Qxe4 35.Qxc5+ Kf7=)* 34...Ke8 35.Qc6+ *(35.Qxb6 Qxe4 36.Qe6+ Kf8=)* 35...Ke7 36.Qxa8+-]
32.Qxg5+ Kf8 33.Nf3 Bf6 34.Qd2 Be7 35.Rh5 f6 36.Qd1 Kg8 37.Nh4 Bf8 38.Nf5 c4 39.c3 d3 1.00/23
[39...Rd8± 0.55/25 was preferable.]

(Diagram)



40.Ne3!± Kh8 41.Nd5 0.01/26
[White should try 41.Qf3± 0.86/24]
41...Rd8!= 42.Qf3 d2 43.Ne3
[43.Nxf6? d1Q *(43...d1B? 44.Qf5∓)* 44.Qxd1 Rxd1-+]
[43.Kf1!? f5□ 44.Rxf5 Bxh6 45.Kg2= *(45.Rf6? d1Q+ 46.Qxd1 Qxf6-+* Pin *)*]
43...Bc5! 44.Nd1 Qd6 45.Rh4
[45.Rf5!? Rf8□ 46.Qg4=]
45...b5 46.Rg4 Rd7 Against Rg7 **47.Qf5 Qc6 48.Kf1 b4 49.Rh4**
[49.Ke2 Qd6 50.Kf3 b3 51.Rh4]
49...bxc3 50.bxc3 Ra7 51.Ke2 Ra8 52.Rh1 Rd8 53.Qg4 Dancing on a razor blade. **53...Rg8** Prevents Qg7+. **54.Qf3 Rd8 55.Rh5 Qd6 56.Rf5 Rf8 57.Kf1 Qc6 58.Rh5 Rb8 59.Rh4 Rb1 60.Ke2 Bf8 61.Rh1** Black should prevent Ne3!. **61...Qd6 62.Qe3 Qc6 63.Rh4**
[63.Qxd2? Qxe4+ 64.Ne3 Qxh1-+]
63...Qa4 64.Qxd2 Ra1! White must now prevent ...Ra2. **65.Ke1**
[65.Ne3? Ra2-+]
[65.Qd5!? Qc2+□ 66.Qd2±]
65...Qb3 66.g4 Be7 67.g5 fxg5 68.Rh3 g4 Prevents Rf3. (→ ...Qxd1+)

69.Rh5



g3! 70.fxg3 Rf5! is the strong threat. **70...Qb6 71.Rxe5 Qg1+ 72.Ke2 Qxg3** The position is equal. **73.Rf5⇄** White puts up resistance **73...Qg4+ 74.Rf3** Qd4+ would kill now. **74...Qxe4+ 75.Ne3**

[75.Re3 seems wilder. Qg4+ 76.Rf3 Bf6 77.Ne3]

75...Ra8 Repels Qd8+ **76.Rf5**

[76.Qd4+ simplifies Qxd4 77.cxd4 Ra2+ 78.Kd1]

76...Bf8

[And not 76...Rd8 77.Qxd8+ Bxd8 78.Rf8#]

77.Qd4+ Qxd4 78.cxd4 Endgame KRB-KRN **78...Re8 79.Rf6 Ba3 80.d5 Kg8 81.Kf3 Rf8 82.Rxf8+ Bxf8 83.Nxc4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **83...Bxh6**

½-½

192 **B31**

□ **Houdini** **3854**

■ **Scorpionn** **3812**

TCEC 18 Premier 2020 (28.1) 03.04.2020

[Kitty Kat]

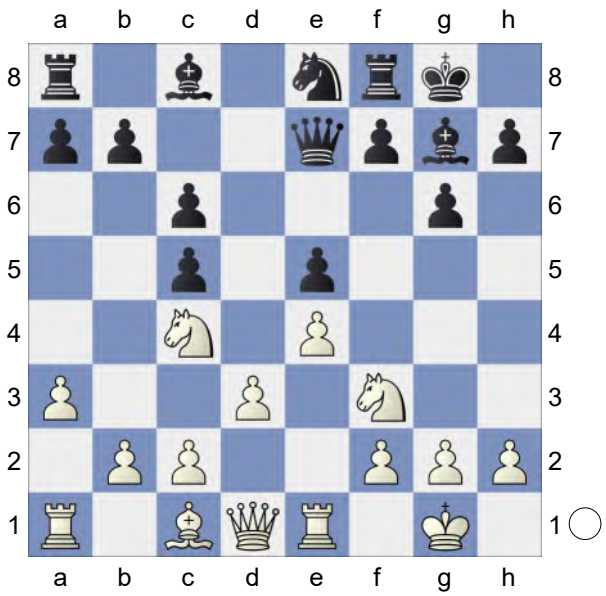
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.a3 0-0 10.Nc4 Ne8



11.b4! White is slightly better. **11...Nd6 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.h3 Be6 14.Be3 cxb4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.Ng5 Bc8 17.Bxa7 Bd7 18.Nf3 Rfe8 19.Qc1 b5 20.c3 Qd6 21.Qe3** Repels c5 **21...Bf8 22.Ra6 Be6 23.Rea1 Bc8 24.R6a5 Bd7 25.Qd2 c5 26.c4 bxc4 27.Bxc5 Rxa5 28.Rxa5**
[28.Bxd6 Rxa1+ 29.Kh2 Bxd6 30.dxc4 Ra6 31.c5]
28...Qxd3 29.Bxf8 Qxd2 30.Nxd2 Kxf8
[30...c3 is more complex. 31.Bh6 cxd2 32.Rd5 Bc6]
31.Nxc4= Endgame KRB-KRN **31...f6 32.Ne3 Be6 33.g4 h5 34.gxh5 gxh5 35.Kg2 h4 36.Nf5 Bxf5 37.exf5** KR-KR **37...Kg7 38.Kf3 Kh6 39.Kg4 Rg8+ 40.Kxh4 Rg5 41.Ra8 Rxf5 42.Kg3 e4 43.Ra2 Kg6 44.Ra4 Rf3+ 45.Kg2 f5 46.Ra7 Rb3 47.Ra6+ Kg5 48.Ra8 Rb2 49.Re8 Kf4 50.Re7 Ra2 51.Rb7 e3 52.Rb4+** The position is equal. **52...Kg5**
[52...Ke5!? 53.Kf3□ exf2 54.Rb5+ Kf6=]
53.h4+ Kh5 54.Rf4 e2
[54...Kg6!? 55.Kf1□ Rxf2+ 56.Rxf2 exf2=]
55.Rxf5+ Kg4 56.Re5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **56...Kxh4**
½-½

193 **B31**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2736**
Carlsen Tour Final 2020 rapid (2.72)
[Kitty Kat]

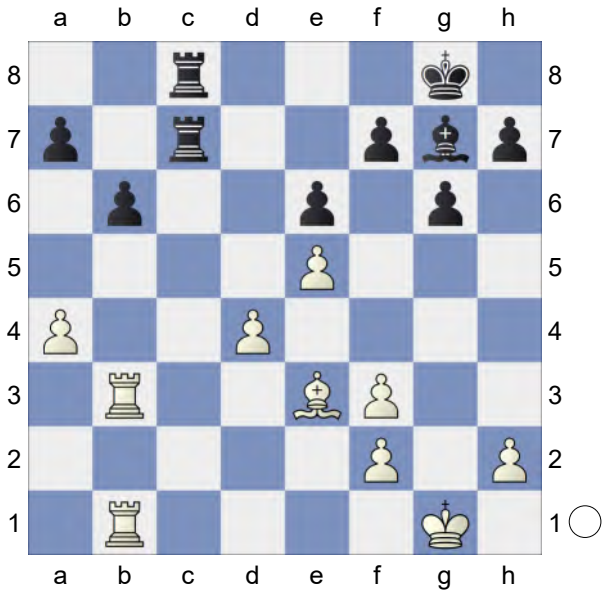
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1

29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Be3 Bd7 11.Ba4 Na5 12.Bxd7 0.07/20

[12.Nbd2± 0.45/20]

12...Qxd7= 13.Nfd2 Nxd2 14.Nxd2 Nc4 15.Nxc4 dxc4 16.a4 Qd5 17.Qf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 e6 19.Rec1 Rfc8 20.Rc3 Rc6 21.b3 Rac8 22.bxc4 Rxc4 23.Rb3 R4c7 24.Rab1 b6



25.a5! bxa5 26.Ra3 f6 0.38/22

[26...Rd7= 0.01/26]

27.Rxa5± g5 28.Kg2 h6 29.h4 Rd7 30.Ra6 Re8 31.Rb5 Kf7 32.h5 Ree7 33.Kg3 fxe5 34.dxe5 Rd5 Against f4 **35.Rxd5 exd5=** Endgame KRB-KRB **36.Kg4 Rxe5 37.Rxa7+ Re7 38.Rxe7+ Kxe7** KB-KB **39.Kf5 Kf7 40.f4 gxf4** 0.50/37

[40...Bc3= 0.01/28]

41.Bxf4± d4 42.Bd2 0.01/34

[Better is 42.f3± 0.56/37]

42...d3 0.77/38

[42...Bf8= 0.01/34 remains equal.]

43.Ke4± Ke6 44.Kxd3 Kf5 45.f3 Bf8 0.36/38

[45...Ke6± 0.90/39]

46.Kc4 Ke5 0.01/38

[Black should try 46...Ke6± 0.57/36]

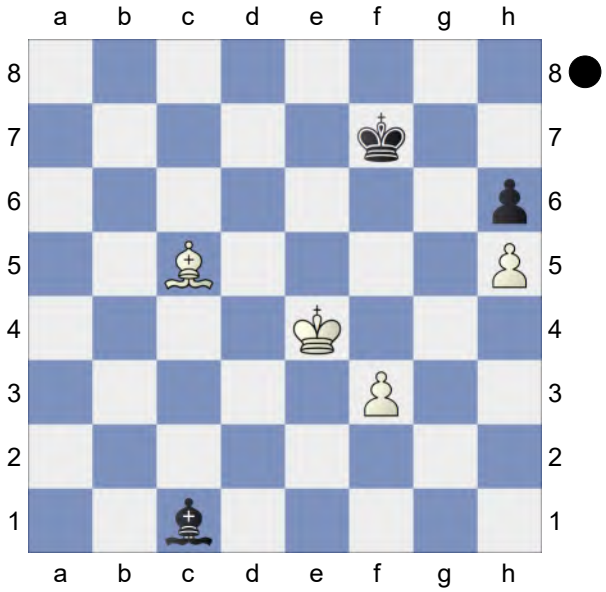
47.Be3 Bg7 0.65/37

[47...Kf6= 0.01/38]

48.Kc5 0.01/38 White is more active.

[48.Bd4+± 0.65/37 Kf4 49.Bxg7 Kxf3 50.Bxh6]

48...Ke6 49.Kc6 Kf7 50.Kd5 Bf8 51.Bd4 Ba3 52.Bc5 Bc1 53.Ke4



Hoping for Be3. **53...Bb2 54.Be3**

[54.Bd4!? Ba3□ 55.Be3±]

54...Bg7 55.f4 Ke6 56.f5+

[56.Bd4!? Bf8□ 57.Bh8=]

56...Kf7 57.Bc5 Bb2 58.Bd4 Ba3 59.Ke5 Be7 60.Be3 Bf6+ 61.Kd5 Bg7! 62.Bd4 Bxg7 would kill now. **62...Bf8 63.f6 Ba3 64.Ke5 Bc1 65.Kf5 Bg5 66.Be5 Bh4 67.Bf4 Bxf6 68.Bxh6 Bg7 69.Bxg7** 0.43/32

[69.Bf4= 0.05/36]

69...Kxg7± 70.Kg5 0.00/94

[70.h6+± 0.37/95 should be considered. Kxh6]

70...Kh7 71.h6 Kh8 0.92/95

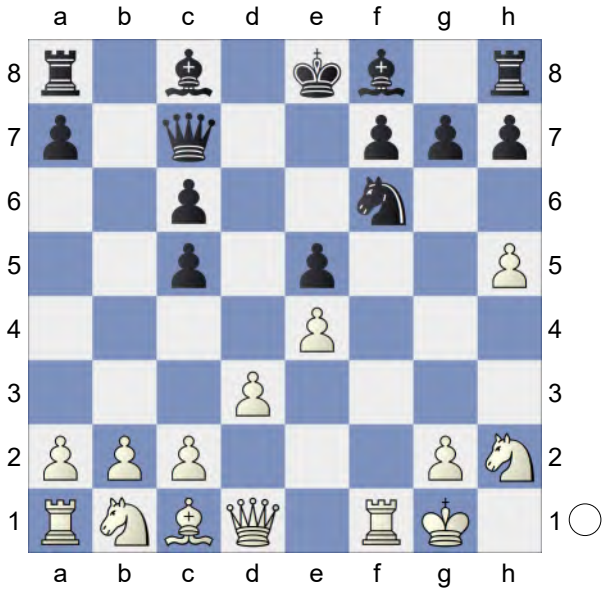
[71...Kg8= 0.00/94]

72.Kg6± Kg8 73.h7+ Kh8 Weighted

Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.09 (flawless) **74.Kh6**
½-½

194 **B30**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2835**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
Clutch Chess Showdown Int (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

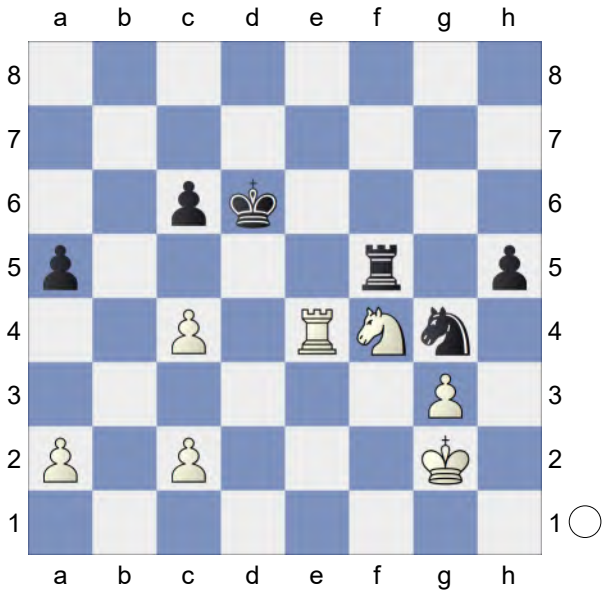
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.h4 e5 8.h5 d6 9.Nh2 Prevents Bg4. White has an edge. **9...Ng8** 0.73/22
[9...g6= 0.28/21]
10.f4± Nf6 0.98/22
[10...c4± 0.60/19]
11.fxe5 dxe5 1.24/23
[⌓11...Nd7 0.81/22]



12.h6! Be6 13.hxg7 Bxg7 14.Bg5 Nd7 15.Nd2 0.30/24
[15.Qh5± 0.91/21]
15...h5= 16.Qe1 0.01/22
[16.Nhf3!± 0.42/22]
16...f6 17.Bh4 0-0-0 18.Kh1 -0.20/21
[⌓18.Rf3 0.16/21]
18...Bh6 0.29/21
[18...Rdg8 -0.20/21 is more appropriate.]
19.Nc4 Bf4 20.b4
[20.Qc3 Rdg8 21.b4 Rg4 22.Bf2]
20...Bxc4
[20...Rdg8 is interesting. 21.Qc3 Rg4 22.Bf2 cxb4 23.Qxb4 Rg7]
21.dxc4 Rhg8 22.Nf3 cxb4 0.66/22

[22...Qd6= -0.01/20]
23.Qxb4± Be3 Prevents c5 **24.Rab1 a5 25.Qe7** -0.53/25
[25.Qb3± 0.74/23 Bc5 26.Nh2]
25...Rde8 0.01/26
[25...Bc5∓ -0.53/25 26.Qf7 Rdf8]
26.Qh7 and Rfd1! should not be overlooked. Dancing on a razor blade.
26...Nc5 27.Qf5+
[27.Qxh5 Qd7 28.Bxf6 Qg4 *(28...Nxe4 29.Bxe5 Ba7 30.Qh4∓)* 29.Qxg4+ Rxg4]
27...Qd7 And now ...Qxf5 would win.
28.Bxf6
[28.Qxf6? Nxe4 29.Nxe5 Nxf6-+]
28...Qxf5 29.exf5 Nd7⇄ Black is fighting back **30.Rbe1 Nxf6 31.Rxe3 Ng4** 0.76/22
[31...e4= 0.01/22 remains equal. 32.Nd4 Kd7 *(32...Ng4 33.Ra3±)*]
32.Re4± Rgf8 33.Ne1 -0.19/27
[33.Ng5± 0.73/20]
33...Nh6 34.f6
[34.Nd3 simplifies Rxf5 35.Rxf5 Nxf5 36.Rxe5 Rxe5 37.Nxe5 Kb7 38.c5]
34...Ng4 35.Nd3 Nxf6
[35...Rxf6 36.Rxf6 Nxf6 37.Rxe5±]
36.Rxe5 Ng4 37.Rxf8
[37.Rxa5? Rxf1#]
37...Rxf8= Endgame KRN-KRN. White is a pawn up. **38.Re1** Inhibits Rf1+.
38...Rd8 39.Re4 Kc7 40.g3 Rf8 0.70/25
[Black should try 40...Nf6= 0.17/21 41.Rf4 Ng4]
41.Kg2± Rf5 42.Nf4 0.40/22
[White should try 42.Re2± 0.78/22]
Loses the game. **42...Kd6?** 3.58/22
[42...Ne5± 0.40/22]

(Diagram)

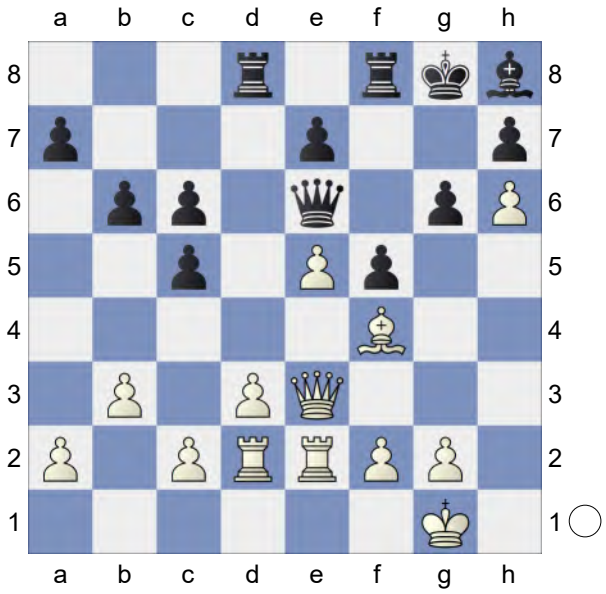


43.Nxh5!+- Discovered Attack **43...Rxh5 44.Rxg4** KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **44...Kc5 45.a3** White is clearly winning. **45...a4 46.Re4 Rh8 47.g4 Rd8 48.g5 Rd2+ 49.Kf3 Rxc2 50.g6** Intending g7 and mate. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.36
50...Rc3+
1-0

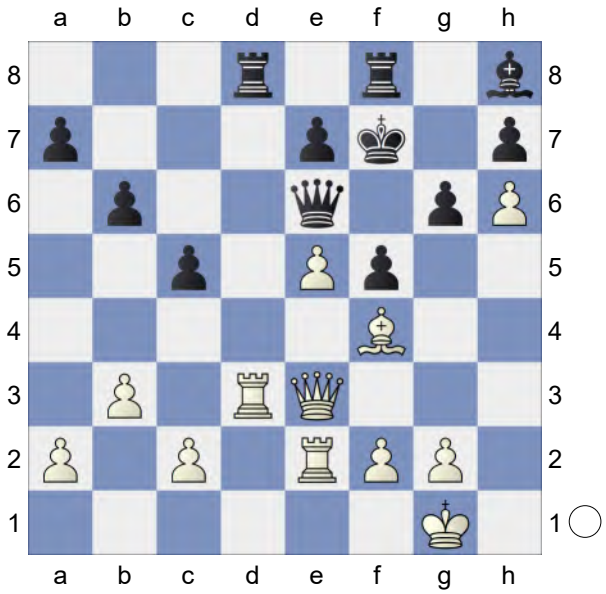
195 **B31**
□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2695**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
Masters Open 2024 (8.8) 11.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]

3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.d3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 The position is equal.
11...Ne6 12.Bf4 0-0 13.h4 f6 0.33/23
[13...Qb6= -0.16/19 14.Rab1 Rae8]
14.Qg3± Qd7 15.Qh3 f5 16.Ne2 Qd5 17.Qe3 Rad8 18.b3 Nd4 19.Rac1 Qe6 20.Ng3 Qd5 21.h5 Ne6 ...g5! is the strong threat. **22.Ne2 b6** 0.78/25
[22...gxh5± 0.34/23 feels stronger. 23.Qh3 Rf7]
23.Rcd1 Nd4 1.36/20
[23...gxh5± 0.57/22 24.c4 Qd7]
24.Rd2 0.34/21
[24.h6± 1.36/20 Nxc2 25.hxg7 Nxe3 26.gxf8R+ Kxf8 27.Bxe3 *(27.fxe3 Qg8±)*]
24...Nxe2+ 1.36/23
[24...gxh5± 0.34/21 25.Nxd4 cxd4]
25.Rexe2 0.67/21
[White should try 25.Qxe2± 1.36/23 Bh8 26.Bg5]
25...Qe6 2.01/18
[Better is 25...gxh5± 0.67/21 26.Qh3 Qf7]
26.h6+- Bh8



27.d4! cxd4 28.Rxd4 c5 2.73/21
[28...Rxd4 1.77/20 was worth a try. 29.Qxd4 c5]
29.Rd3 Kf7

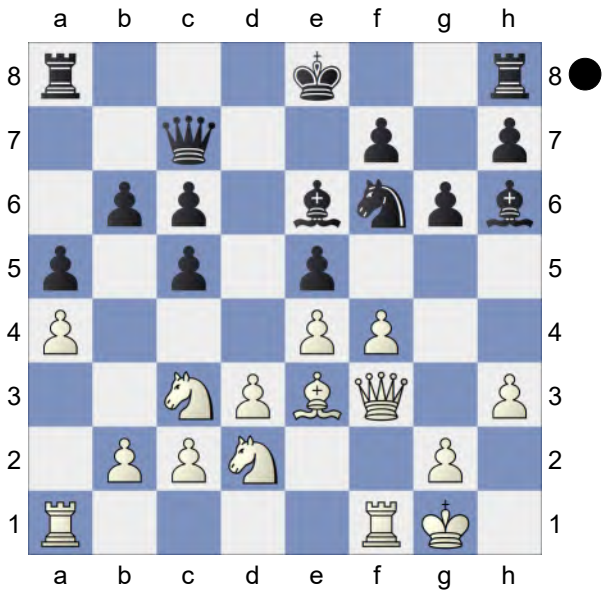


30.c4 0.92/20

[30.Bg5!+- 2.28/19 is more deadly.]
30...a6? 3.66/21
[30...Rxd3± 0.92/20 31.Qxd3 Rc8]
31.Bg5 f4 32.Qxf4+
[32.Bxf4 Qf5 33.Rdd2 Qg4+-]
32...Kg8 33.Qd2
[Weaker is 33.Rxd8 Rxd8 34.Re3 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Rd4+-]
33...Rxd3 34.Qxd3 Rf5 6.12/20
[⌓34...Bxe5 4.27/19 35.Qe3 Rf5]
35.f4 Rxg5 36.fxg5 Intending Qd8+ and mate. **36...Bxe5 37.Qe4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

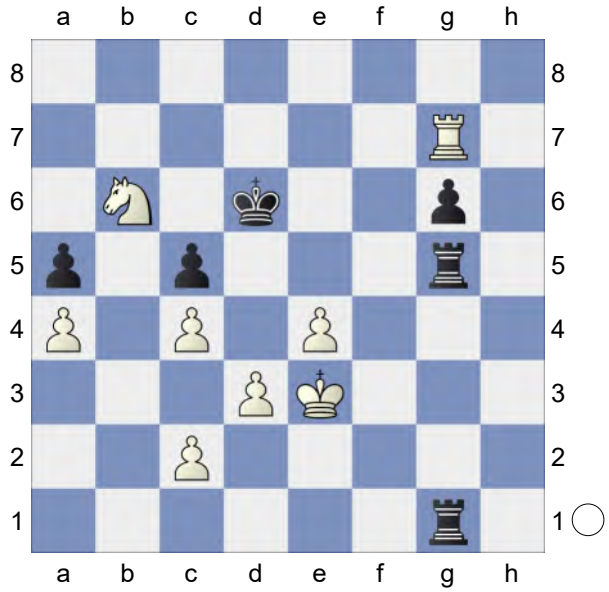
196 **B31**
□ **Yu Yangyi** **2714**
■ **Wang,Yanbin** **2431**
CHN League Division A Pt2 (8.3) 2.10.25
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.a4 a5 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3 White is slightly better. **8...b6 9.h3 Bg7 10.Nfd2 Be6 11.Nc3** 0.11/20
[11.f4± 0.71/21]
11...Nf6 12.f4! Bh6 13.Qf3



exf4 14.Bxf4 Qxf4 15.Qxf4 Bxf4 16.Rxf4 Nd7 17.Re1 0-0 18.b3 Rae8 19.Rf2 f6 20.g4 Ne5 21.Kg2 Kg7 22.Nc4 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Rh8 24.Rb1 Rb8 25.Ne2 h5 26.gxh5 Rxh5 27.Nf4 Rhh8 28.Rbf1 Rbe8 Repels Ne6+ **29.Kg3 Kf7 30.Ng2 Nd7 31.Ne3 Rh5 32.Ng4 Reh8 33.Rxf6+ Nxf6 34.Rxf6+=** Endgame KRR-KRN **34...Kg7**

35.Rxc6 Rxh3+ 36.Kg2! R3h4 37.Rc7+ Kf8⇄ Black is fighting back **38.Kg3 Rh1 39.Ne5 Rg1+ 40.Kf2! Rhh1 41.Nd7+ Ke7 42.Nxb6+ Kd6 43.Rg7** -0.70/24
[Better is 43.Nd5= -0.01/22]
43...Rg5 0.01/26
[Black should play 43...Ke5∓ -0.70/24 44.c3 Rf1+ 45.Ke2 Re1+ 46.Kf2 Rhf1+ 47.Kg2 Kf6]
44.Ke3 Rhg1



45.Nc8+ Ke6 46.Re7+ Kf6 aiming for ...R1g2. **47.Rc7! R1g2** (→ ...R5g3+) **48.Rc6+ Kg7 49.Nd6** And now Nb7 would win. **49...Rxc2 50.Kf4** Prevents Rg3 **50...Rh5 51.Rc7+ Kg8 52.e5** Black cannot hold the game after this. **52...Rh4+?** 5.71/27
[52...Re2!= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]
53.Kg5+- Rd4 54.Kxg6
[54.Rxc5 Rg2+ *(54...Rxd3? is the wrong capture. 55.Kxg6 Rg2+ 56.Kf6+-)* 55.Kf6 Rxd3±]
54...Rg2+ 55.Kf6 Rxd3 56.Rxc5 Ra2 57.Rxa5 Rf3+ 58.Ke6 Rfa3 59.c5 Rc3 60.Kd7 Re2 61.c6 Rec2 62.Ra6 Kg7 63.e6 Rd3 64.e7 Rcd2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.61 **65.c7**
1-0

197 **B30**
□ **Raja,Rithvik R** **2521**
■ **Karthikeyan,Murali** **2637**
Masters Open 2024 (3.5) 05.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8

1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 dxc6 8.Bc4 Ng6 9.Kh1 White is slightly better. **9...e5 10.Qf3 Qc7 11.a4** 0.18/21 White is more active.

[White should try 11.Rd1± 0.80/21 And now Bxf7+! would win. Nf4 12.a4]

11...Bc5= 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nb3 Bd6 14.Be3 Kh8 15.Rfd1 b6 16.Qh5 -0.07/20

[16.a5± 0.47/22 b5 17.Bf1]

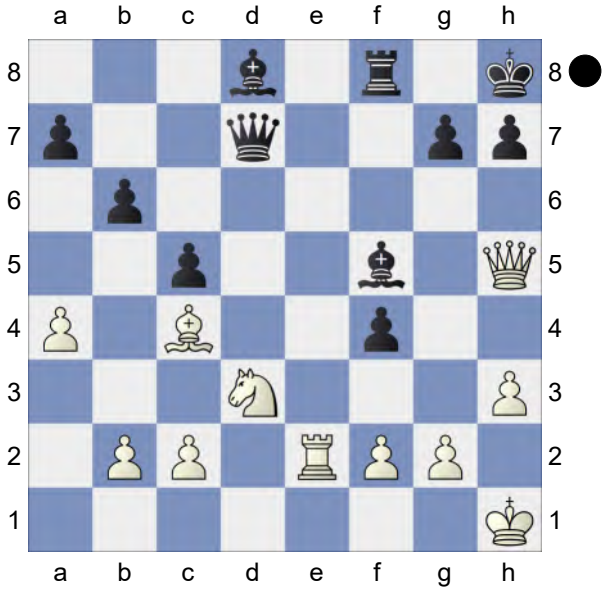
16...f5 0.33/19

[16...Nf4!= -0.07/20 is more appropriate. 17.Bxf4 exf4]

17.exf5 -0.33/20

[17.Nd2± 0.33/19]

17...Bxf5∓ 18.Rd2! c5 19.Rad1 Be7 20.Nc1! Rad8 21.Rxd8 Bxd8 22.Rd2 Nf4 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.h3 Qe7 25.Re2 Qd7 26.Nd3



Threatens to win with Ne5. **26...Bc7 27.Bb5 Qd6** aiming for ...f3! **28.Qf3 g5** 0.63/20

[28...g6= 0.14/22]

29.Bc4 0.16/22

[29.Kg1± 0.63/20]

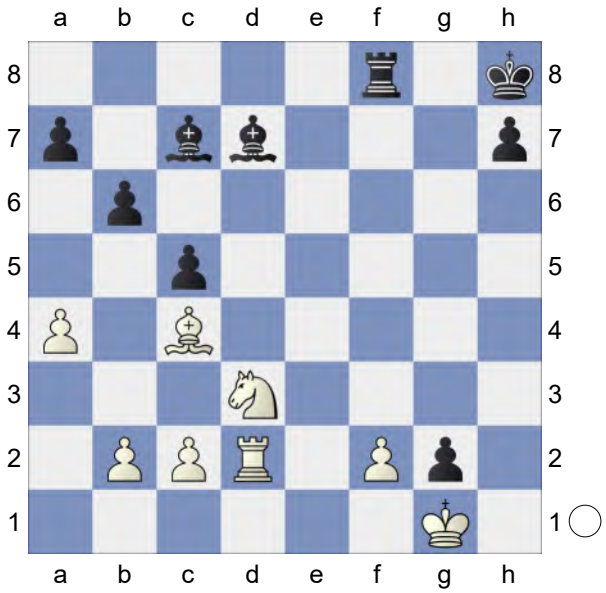
29...Qd7 30.Rd2 -0.90/21

[30.Ne1± 0.51/22 keeps the upper hand.]

30...g4 -0.22/21

[30...Qxa4∓ -0.90/21 31.b3 Qd7 *(31...Qa1+ 32.Rd1∓)*]

31.hxg4= Bxg4 32.Qd5 f3 33.Qxd7 fxg2+ 34.Kg1 Bxd7



A strong pair of Bishops. **35.Nxc5 Bc6 36.Ne6 Re8 37.b3 h5 38.Rd3 Kh7 39.Re3** The position is equal.

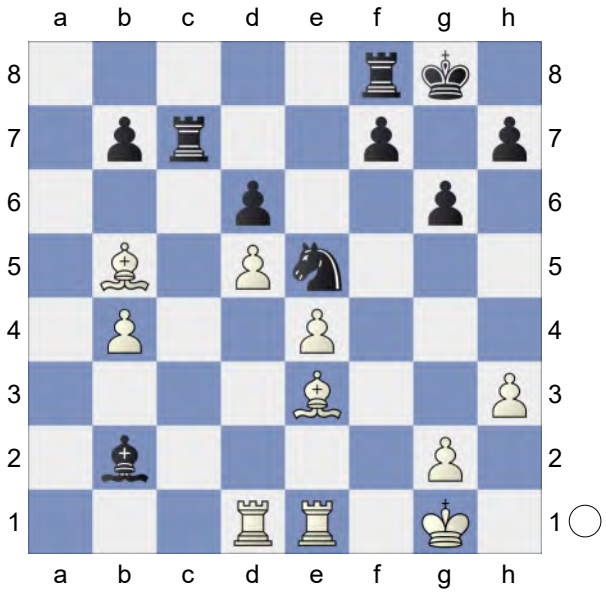
[39.Nxc7 leads to mate. Re1+ 40.Kh2 g1Q+ *(40...g1R? 41.Bd5-+)* 41.Kh3 Qg4+ 42.Kh2 Rh1#]

39...Bd6 40.Ng5+ Kg7 41.Rxe8 Bxe8 42.Kxg2 Bd7 43.f3 Be7 44.Be6 Bxa4 45.bxa4 Bxg5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

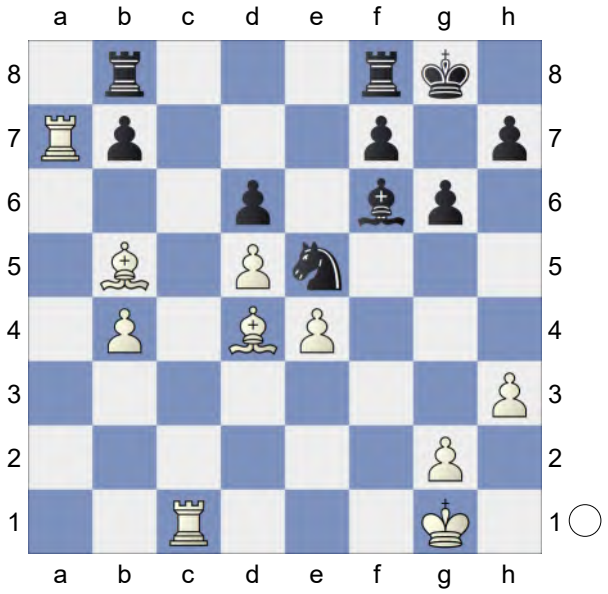
198 **B30**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2701**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2719**
53rd Biel GMT Blitz 2020 (8.3) 25.07.20
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 g6 6.c3 Bg7 7.d4 a6 8.Bf1 0.59/24
[8.Bxc6± 0.99/21 Bxc6 9.d5]
8...cxd4± 9.cxd4 Bg4 White is slightly better. **10.d5 Nd4 11.Nbd2 Rc8 12.Bd3** Prevents Nc2. **12...Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Nf6 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 0-0 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Qe2 Qa5! 18.a3 Rc7** 0.21/24
[Black should play 18...Ne5∓ -0.68/22 19.Reb1 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Qa4]
19.f4 -0.36/25
[Better is 19.Rec1= 0.21/24]
19...Qa4∓ 20.Rad1 Nc5 0.01/22
[20...b5∓ -0.52/21]
21.Bc2 Qb5 22.Qxb5 axb5 23.Bd4 e5 24.fxe5 Nd7 25.Bd3
[25.exd6 Rxc2 *(25...Bxd4+ 26.Rxd4 Rxc2 27.e5=)* 26.Bxg7 Kxg7]
25...b4! 26.axb4 Bxe5 27.Be3 Bxb2 28.Bb5 Ne5 0.96/27
[28...Rfc8∓ -0.33/23 stays ahead.]



29.Re2 -0.01/22
[29.Rb1!± 0.96/27 Rc2 30.Ba4]
29...Ba3= 30.Bb6 Rcc8 31.Rb1 Bc1 32.Ra2 -0.29/25
[32.Bc5 0.08/22 is superior. dxc5 33.Rxc1 cxb4 34.Rb1]
32...Bf4 33.Rf1 Bg5 34.Bd4 Against Rc3 **34...Be7 35.Ra7 Rb8**

36.Rc1 Black is weak on the light squares **36...Bf6**



37.Bb6 0.01/23 A strong pair of Bishops.
[37.Kf1!± 0.44/22]
37...Bg5 38.Rc2 Bd8 39.Bd4 Bf6 40.Bb6 Bd8 41.Be3 h5 42.Kh2 Kg7 Prevents Bh6+ **43.Bd4 Bf6 44.Bb6 Bd8 45.Bd4 Bf6** and ...Ng4+! would now be decisive Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise) **46.Bb6!**
½-½

199 **B31**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2765**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2882**
7th Sinquefield Cup 2019 (9.5) 26.08.19
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
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3...g6N
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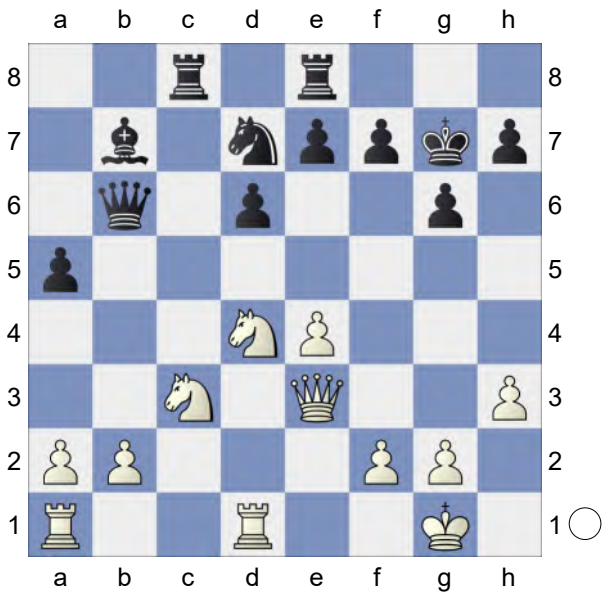
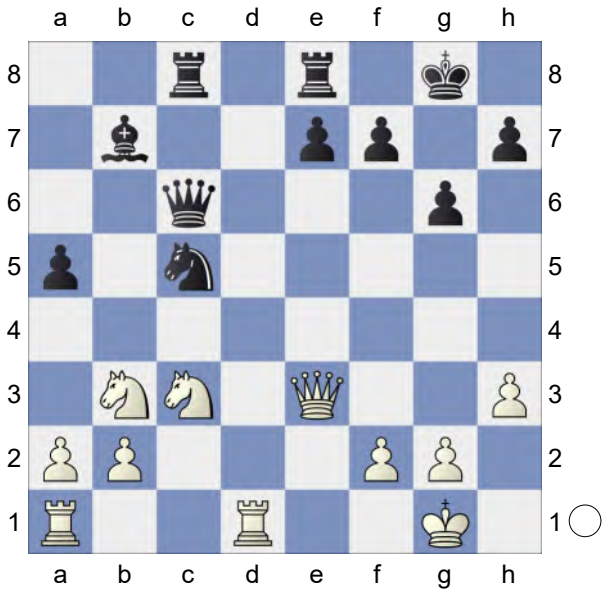
4.c3 Nf6 5.Qe2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 9.h3 Inhibits Bg4. **9...Nd7 10.Rd1 a6** White is slightly better. **11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Be3 a5 13.Qc2 c5 14.Nc3 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Bb7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Qd2 Re8 19.Qe3 Qb6**

(Diagram)



20.e5 -0.99/24 **dxe5∓**
[20...Qxb2 21.e6 Nf6 22.exf7 Kxf7 23.Ncb5±]
21.Nb3 Nc5 0.01/25
[21...Qxe3∓ -1.10/24 22.fxe3 Nc5 23.Nxa5 Ba6]
22.Qxe5+= The position is equal.
22...Kg8 23.Qe3 Qc6⇄



Black has counterplay **24.Nd5** Active counter play! **24...Nxb3 25.axb3 Qc5 26.Rac1 Qxe3**
[26...Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Bxd5 28.Rc5 e6]
27.Nxe3
[27.Rxc8 keeps more tension. Qxb3 28.Rxe8+ Kg7 29.Ne3]
27...Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Endgame KRB-KRN **28...Rb8 29.Rc5** Rb5! would now be deadly. **29...Bc8 30.Nd5 Be6 31.Nxe7+ Kf8 32.Nc6 Rxb3 33.Nd4** Inhibits a4. **33...Rxb2 34.Nxe6+ fxe6 35.Rxa5** KR-KR **35...h5 36.Ra6 Kf7 37.Ra5 Rb1+ 38.Kh2 Rb2 39.Kg1 Rb1+ 40.Kh2 Rb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.07 (flawless) **41.Kg1**
½-½

200 **B31**
□ **ProteusSF-Open** **3094**
■ **admete_bot** **2317**
Rapid 24.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

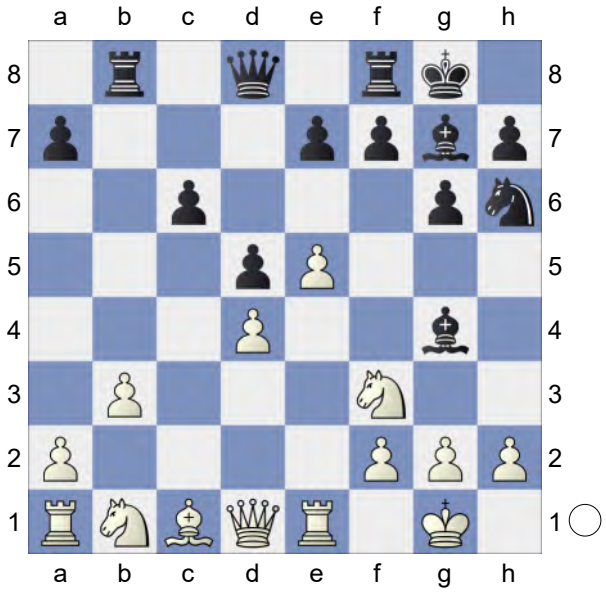
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975)

11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Nh6 7.c3 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Rb8 0.98/21

[10...f6± 0.37/19]

11.b3± Bg4



12.Nbd2! White is better. **12...Qa5** 1.70/20

[12...Be6± 1.11/20]

13.h3+- Be6 1.98/20

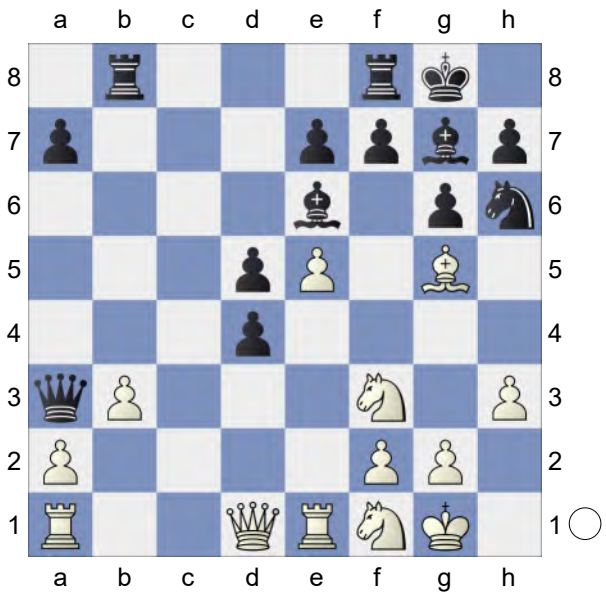
[13...Bd7± 1.58/21 keeps fighting. 14.a4 Rfe8]

14.Nf1 c5 15.Bd2 Qa3 2.43/21

[⌓15...Qb5 1.88/21 16.Bg5 Nf5]

16.Bg5 cxd4

(Diagram)



17.Qd2!

[17.Nxd4 Nf5±]

17...Nf5 18.g4

[18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Rfc8=]

18...d3 19.Qxd3

[19.gxf5 Bxf5 20.Bh4 Be4±]

19...h6 20.Bc1

[20.gxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxd5 *(21.Bc1 Qxc1 22.Qxd5 Qa3-+)* 21...hxg5 22.Nxg5 Qb4∓]

20...Qb4 21.gxf5 Bxf5 22.Qe3

[Not 22.Qxd5 Rfd8 23.Qc4 Qxc4 24.bxc4 Bxh3+-]

22...Bxh3 23.Nd4

[23.Qxa7? is a self mate. Qg4+ 24.Ng3 Qxf3 25.Qxe7 Qg2#]

23...h5 24.Bd2 Qb6 25.Rac1 Bd7 Against Rc6 **26.Nh2 Rbc8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Qd3 e6 29.Nhf3 Bf8 30.a4 Be7 31.Qe3 Qa6 32.Kg2 Qb7 33.Rh1 Qa6 34.Qf4 Qd3 35.Qg3 Bc5**

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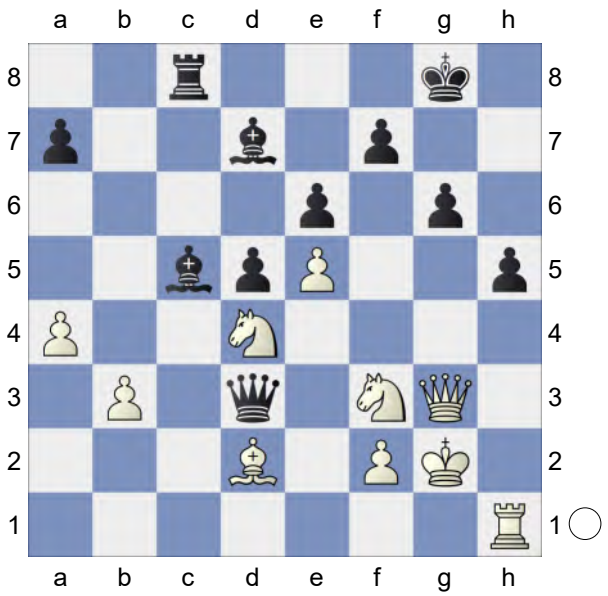

36.Rxh5! Hoping for Rh2!. **36...Bxd4 37.Rh4 Qe2 38.Rxd4 Rb8 39.Qg5 Be8 40.Qe7** Bh6 would kill now. **40...Bb5 41.axb5 Qxd2 42.Nxd2 g5 43.Qxg5+ Kf8 44.Rh4** White mates. **44...Ke8 45.Rh8+ Kd7 46.Rxb8 a6** Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=1.00 **47.Qd8#**
1-0

201 **B31**
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir1** **3094**
■ **Mogranzini,Roberto** **2459**
Chess.com INT blitz (1) 14.04.2020
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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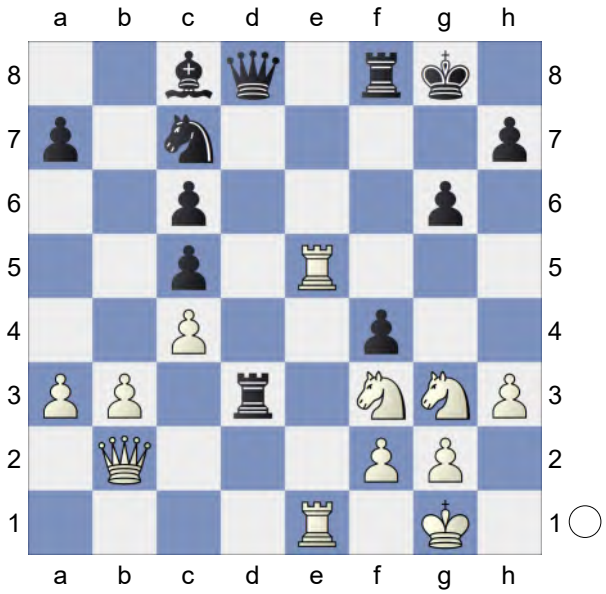
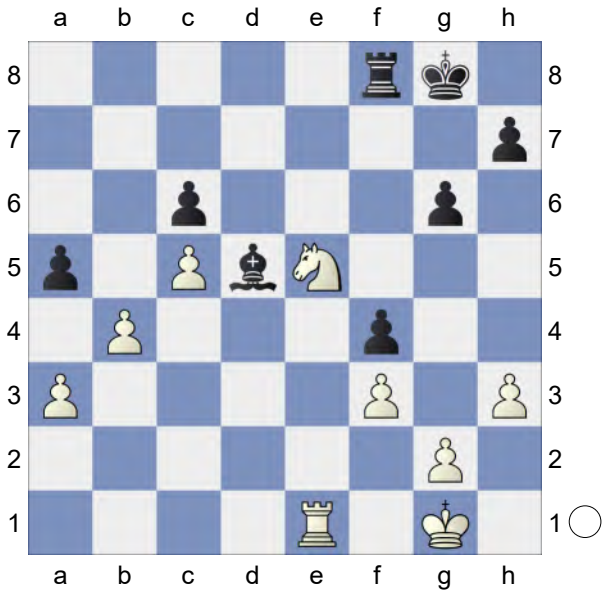
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.d3 Rb8 0.57/21
[7...0-0= 0.16/20]
8.Nc3 0-0 9.h3 0.15/20
[9.e5± 0.55/23]
9...d6= 10.e5 Nd5 11.Ne4 Bf5 0.62/24
[11...dxe5= -0.01/20 12.Qe2 Qa5]
12.Ng3± Bc8 13.b3 f6 1.15/25
[13...Nc7± 0.61/23]
14.exd6± exd6 15.Bb2 Rb7 16.d4 0.55/22
[16.c4± 1.26/20]
16...f5 1.29/21
[16...c4± 0.55/22]
17.c4 Nb4 18.Qd2 Rd7 2.17/21
[18...f4± 0.80/21 was necessary. 19.Ne4 Bf5]
19.a3 Na6 20.dxc5 1.00/24
[20.Rad1+- 1.83/18]

20...dxc5 1.52/25
[⌓20...Bxb2 1.00/24 21.Qxb2 Nxc5]
21.Qc2↑ White is in control. **21...Bxb2 22.Qxb2 Nc7 23.Re5** White is more active. **23...Rd3** 2.18/21
[23...Qf6± 1.18/21]
24.Rae1!+-
[24.Rxc5 Ne6 25.Re5 *(25.Rxc6 Re8±)* 25...c5±]
24...f4? 5.62/22
[24...Rd1 2.31/22 25.Qe2 *(25.Rxc5 Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1 Ne6±)* 25...Rd6]



25.Ne4 Bf5 26.Nxc5 Excellent horsemanship. **26...Rd1 27.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 28.Re1 Qd6 29.b4 Ne6 30.Nxe6 Bxe6 31.c5 Qd5 32.Qe5 Qxe5 33.Nxe5**
[33.Rxe5 Bd5 34.h4 a5±]
33...Bd5 34.f3 Black must now prevent h4. **34...a5?** 6.29/24
[34...Kg7 2.54/23 35.Kh2 g5]

(Diagram)



35.Nd7 White is clearly winning.
[Less strong is 35.bxa5 Ra8±]
35...Ra8 36.b5 Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.79 **37.b6 1-0**

202 **B31**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2704**
■ **Wei,Yi** **2736**
Cote d'Ivoire Blitz 2019 (3.4) 11.05.2019
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7*

14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 e5 7.a4 a5 8.Be3 b6 9.Na3 White is slightly better. **9...Qc7 10.c3 Nf6 11.Nc4 Nd7 12.d4** -0.65/24

[12.0-0= 0.18/20]

12...Ba6∓ 13.Ncxe5 Nxe5 0.20/21

[Black should try 13...cxd4∓ -0.91/22 14.cxd4 0-0]

14.dxe5= 0-0 0.73/21

[14...Bxe5= 0.17/21 15.Nxe5 Qxe5]

15.Qb3? -0.88/24

[15.Qd6± 0.73/21 keeps the pressure on. Qc8 16.0-0-0]

15...Bd3!∓ 16.0-0-0 c4 0.01/19

[16...Bxe4∓ -1.20/22 and ...b5! would now be decisive 17.e6 Bd5 18.Rxd5 cxd5 19.Qxd5 Rad8 20.exf7+ Rxf7]

17.Qxb6= Qd7 0.52/22

[17...Qc8= 0.01/22]

18.Qd4 Qc8 1.54/23

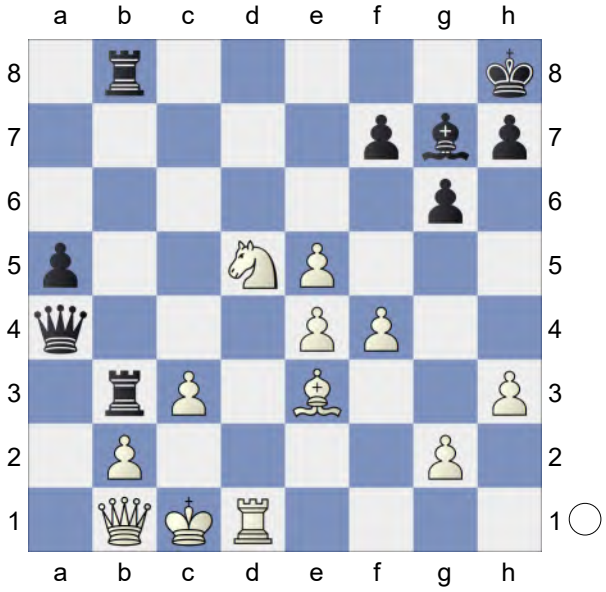
[18...Qb7= 0.30/23 19.Qb6 Qxb6 20.Bxb6 Bxe4]

19.Rxd3!± cxd3 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Qxd3** 0.01/21

[20.Qc4± 1.28/24]

20...Qe6!= 21.Nd4 Qa2 22.Nxc6 Qa1+ 23.Qb1 Qxa4 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Nd5 Rab8 26.f4 Rb3 27.Rd1 Rfb8 1.64/23

[27...Qc6= 0.01/23]



Prevents Nb6. **28.Rd2?** -0.01/24

[28.Nb6!+- 1.64/23 Qe8 *(28...R8xb6? 29.Rd8+±; 28...R3xb6 29.Bxb6 Bxe5 30.fxe5±)* 29.Rd6]

28...Bf8 29.Bd4 Ba3? 5.91/23

[29...Ra3!= 0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 30.e6+ Kg8 31.Nf6+ Kg7]

30.e6++- f6 31.Bxf6+ Kg8 32.Qc2 Be5! is the strong threat.

[32.Rd4 Qb5 33.Qd3 Rxb2 34.Ne7+ Kf8 *(34...Bxe7? 35.Qxb5 R2xb5 36.Bxe7+-)* 35.Nxg6+ *(35.Rd8+ Rxd8 36.Qxd8+ Qe8=)* 35...hxg6 36.Rd8+ Rxd8 37.Qxd8+ Qe8∓]

32...Qc4

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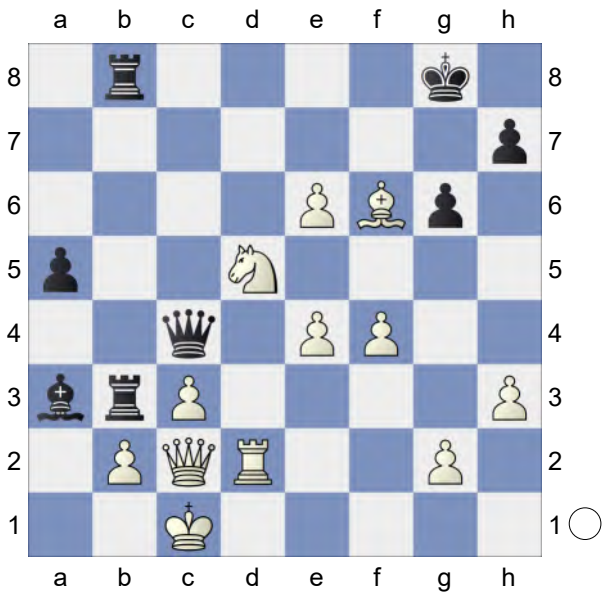

33.Qd3!
[33.bxa3? too greedy. Rb1+ 34.Qxb1 Qf1+ 35.Rd1 Rxb1+ 36.Kxb1 Qxd1+ 37.Kb2 Qe2+ 38.Kb3 Qxe4-+ *(38...a4+? 39.Kb4-+)*]
33...Qxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxb2 (→ ...Rf2+)
35.Kd1?? -6.82/25
[35.c4+- 7.07/24]
35...Rxg2-+ Black is clearly winning.
36.Nb6 Rxb6 37.Rd8+ Bf8 38.Kc1 Repels Rb1+ **38...Rxe6 39.e5 Rxf6 40.exf6 Kf7 41.Ra8 Bh6 42.Rxa5 Bxf4+ 43.Kb1** A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.54
43...Kxf6
0-1

203 **B51**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2636**
■ **Bogosavljevic,Boban** **2486**
Bundesliga 2425 (8.5) 02.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
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4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6! outshines the older 9...g6. erfolgreicher als das alte 9...g6. **10.d3 Be7 11.Qg3 0-0** White has an edge. **12.Bh6 Ne8 13.Be3 d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Nd2 Nd6N**
[15...Bd6 16.Qf3 Qxf3 17.Nxf3 Nc7 18.Rad1 b5 19.g3 Nd5 20.Bc1 Rfd8 21.Bg2 Rac8 1-0 Diaz Perez,M (2420)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2527) Migoya Memorial tt 2018 (4.2)]
16.c4 Qf5 17.Nb3 b6 18.d4 Qf6 19.dxc5 Nf5 20.Qf3 Nxe3 21.Qxc6

[21.Qxe3 simplifies bxc5 22.Rab1 Nd4 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Qe5]

21...Nc2 22.cxb6 Nxa1 1.15/24

[22...Rab8!= 0.30/23]

23.b7 0.55/19

[23.Rxa1± 1.15/24 and b7 would now be decisive Rac8 24.Qd7]

23...Rab8± 24.Rxa1 Black is weak on the light squares

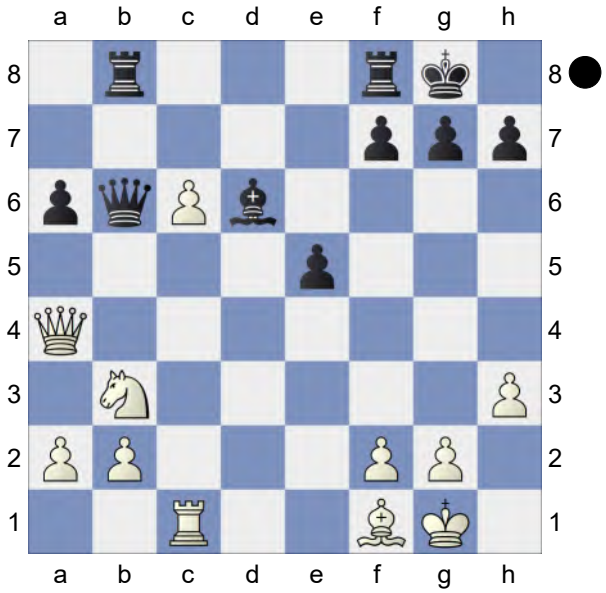
[24.Nxa1?! e5 25.Qe4 Qb6∓]

24...e5 25.Qe4 -0.01/21

[25.Qc7± 0.79/25 Bd6 26.Qb6]

25...Qb6= 26.c5 Qxb7 27.c6! Qb6 28.Rc1⇄ Prevents Bc5. White is not keeping still **28...Bd6 29.Qa4** -0.51/21

[29.Rc2= 0.17/20]



29...a5 -0.01/20 **30.Qxa5 Rfc8 31.Qd5 Qc7** 0.95/21

[31...Rd8= 0.01/23]

32.Ba6 0.02/20

[32.Rc2± 0.95/21]

32...Re8! 33.Qe4 g6 34.Bb7 Kg7 35.Kf1 f5 36.Qd5 e4 Black has compensation. **37.Qa5 Qe7 38.Qc3+** -1.40/21

[38.c7= 0.01/19 keeps the balance. Rxb7 39.c8Q Rxc8 40.Rxc8]

38...Be5 -0.32/18

[Black should try 38...Kh6∓ -1.40/21]

39.Qc5!∓ Bd6

[39...Bxb2? 40.Qxe7+ Rxe7 41.c7 Rxb7 42.c8Q+- *(42.c8R? Bxc1 43.Rxc1 Rec7-+)*]

40.Qd4+ Be5

[40...Kh6 is interesting. 41.Nc5 Qg5 42.Re1 Rbd8]

41.Qd7 Qxd7! 42.cxd7 Red8

[Don't go for 42...Re7? 43.Bc8+-]

43.Bc6 Bxb2 44.Rd1 -0.66/21

[44.Rc2= -0.23/19 Ba3 45.Rd2]

44...Rb6 This costs White the game.

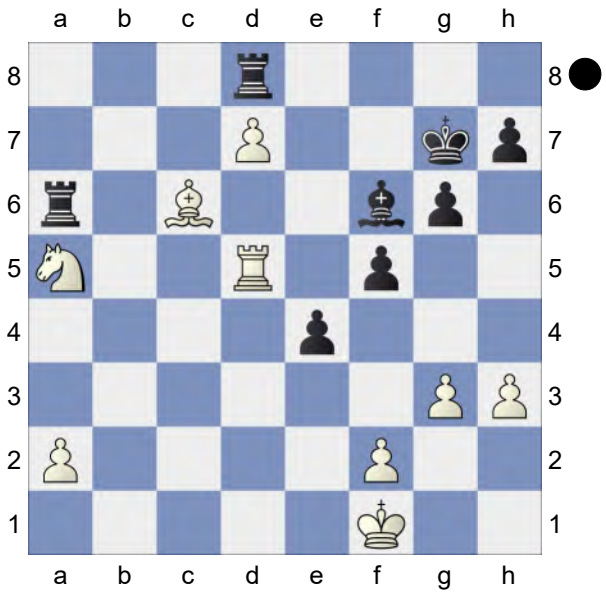
45.Na5 -2.34/22

[45.Ba4!∓ -0.57/19]

45...Bf6-+ 46.g3? -6.36/21

[46.Rc1 -2.53/19 Rdb8 47.Nb3]

46...Ra6 Black is clearly winning. **47.Rd5**



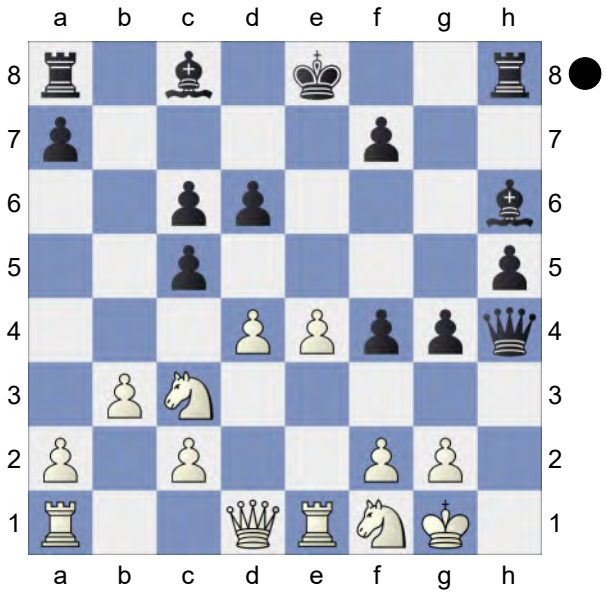
Rb8 Strongly threatening ...Bd8. **48.Ba4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.13 (very precise) **48...Rba8**

0-1

204 **B30**
□ **Pranav,V.** **2579**
■ **Asadli,Vugar Afgan Oglu** **2563**
AI Cup Play In Match rapid (1.2) 18.9.23
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 d6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3!?
A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
7...Ne7 8.Nh4 The position is equal.
8...Ng6N
[Vorgänger: 8...h6 9.f4 exf4 10.Bb2 Rg8 11.Nf5! Nxf5 0.01/23 *(11...g5!∓* -0.46/25 *12.g4 Bb7)* 12.exf5= Bxf5 13.Qf3 Kd7 14.Qxf4 Be6 0-1 Veys,V (2124)-Poulet,P (2149) FRA-ch U16 Saint Paul Trois Chateaux 2013 (9)]
9.Nf5 Qf6 -0.02/22
[9...Nf4∓ -0.44/22]
10.Ng3 -0.40/24
[10.Ne3= -0.02/22]
10...h5∓ 11.h3 -1.20/22
[Better is 11.Ne2∓ -0.46/21]
11...Nf4∓ 12.Nc3 -1.70/26
[12.Nd2∓ -1.08/21]
12...g5 13.Re1 g4 14.h4 -2.24/23
[⌓14.Nf5 -1.69/23]
14...Bh6? -0.54/23
[14...Qxh4-+ -2.24/23 And now ...Qf6 would win. 15.Nf5 Qf6 16.Bxf4 exf4]
15.Nf1 -1.84/23
[15.Nf5∓ -0.54/23]
15...Qxh4-+ 16.Bxf4 -3.83/25
[16.Ne2 -1.74/22]
16...exf4 17.d4



f3! 18.dxc5 fxg2

[18...dxc5 19.Qd6 Be6 *(19...g3? 20.Qe5+ Be6 21.fxg3+-)* 20.Qxc6+ *(20.g3 Qh3 21.Qxc6+ Kf8 22.Ne3 Bxe3 23.Qxa8+ Kg7)* 20...Kf8 21.Qxa8+=]

19.Ng3 Against Qh1+ **19...Bf4**

[19...dxc5? 20.Qd6 *(20.Kxg2? Qh3+ 21.Kg1 h4-+)* 20...Be6 21.Qxc6+ *(21.Qxc5 Rc8∓)* 21...Kf8 22.Qxa8++-]

20.e5? -4.54/23

[20.cxd6 -2.21/20 is the only way for White. Be5 *(20...Bxg3 21.fxg3 Qxg3 22.Qd3∓)* 21.Qd2]

20...d5

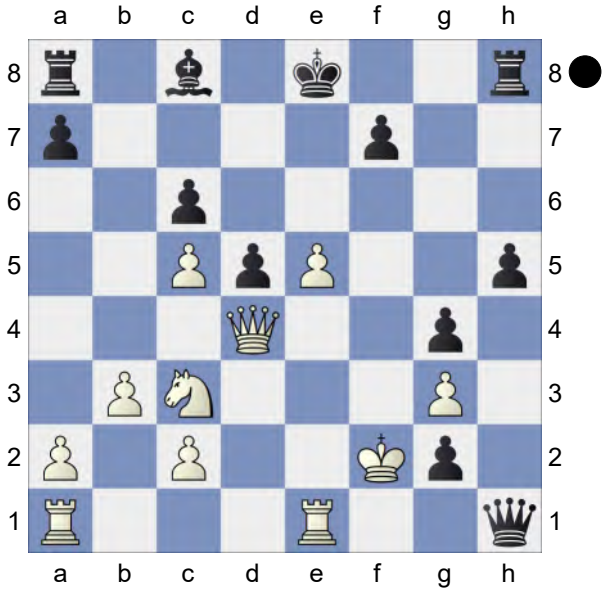
[20...dxc5? 21.Nce4 Bxg3 *(21...Bxe5? 22.Nd6+ Kf8 23.Rxe5+-)* 22.Nf6+ Kf8 23.fxg3-+]

[20...Bxe5? 21.Qxd6 Be6 22.Qxc6+ *(22.Qxe5 0-0-0+-; 22.Rxe5 Rd8+-)* 22...Kf8 23.Rxe5+- *(23.Qxa8+ Kg7+-)*]

21.Qd4 Bxg3 22.fxg3 Qh1+

[22...Qxg3 23.Nxd5 cxd5 24.e6=]

23.Kf2



g1Q+ 0.02/5 **24.Rxg1= Qf3+ 25.Ke1 Be6 26.Kd2 Qf5 27.Ne2⇄** White is fighting back **27...h4 28.gxh4 Rxh4 29.Raf1 Qg5+ 30.Kc3 Rh3+ 31.Kb2 Re3! 32.Nf4 Qxe5** 2.24/31

[32...Re4= 0.15/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 33.Nxe6 fxe6]

33.Nxe6+- fxe6 34.Qxe5

[34.Rxg4 Qxd4+ 35.Rxd4 Re4 36.Rxe4 dxe4]

34...Rxe5 35.Rxg4= Endgame KRR-KRR **35...0-0-0 36.Ra4 Rd7** 3.30/26

[36...d4 2.03/29 37.Rxa7 Kb8]

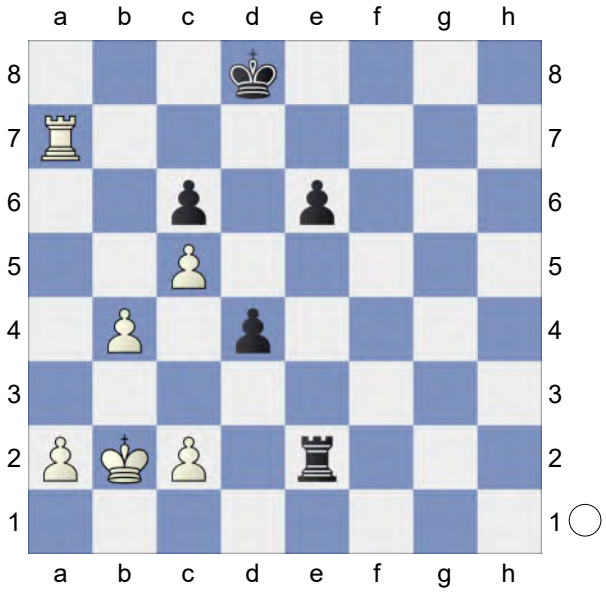
37.Rf8+!+- Rd8 38.Rxd8+ Kxd8 39.Rxa7 KR-KR. White is a pawn up.

39...Re2 40.b4? 0.81/24

[40.a4+- 2.53/26 has better winning chances.]

40...d4? 3.69/26

[40...e5± 0.81/24 was worth a try.]



41.Kc1? 0.35/25

[41.Ra3!+- 3.69/26 And now Rd3 would win. e5 42.Rh3]

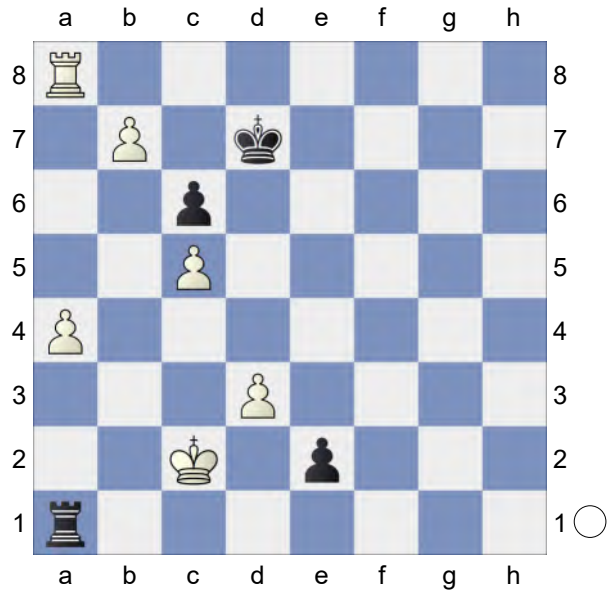
41...e5± 42.a4 e4 43.b5 e3 44.Ra8+

[44.b6!? d3□ 45.cxd3 Re1+ 46.Kc2=]

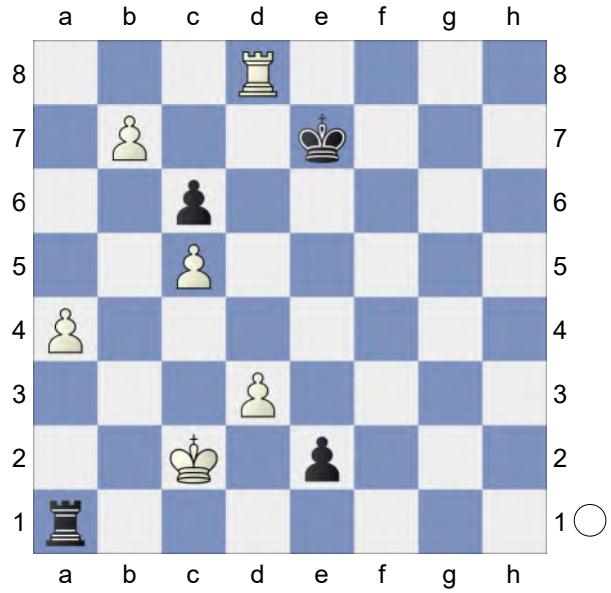
44...Kd7 45.b6 White wants to mate with b7. **45...d3! 46.cxd3 Re1+! 47.Kc2 Ra1?** #24/25

[47...Rb1± 0.37/18 48.Kxb1 e2]

48.b7 e2



49.Rd8+!! 34.64/29 **Ke7+-**



50.Re8+!! Skewer **50...Kf7**
[50...Kd7 51.b8Q]
A wild game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.54 **51.Rxe2**
1-0

205 **B31**
□ **Amin,Bassem** **2710**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2714**
World Rapid 2018 (14.22) 28.12.2018
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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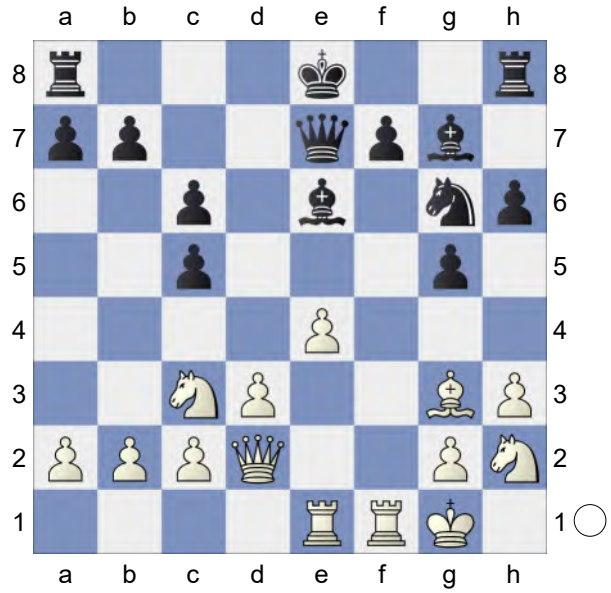
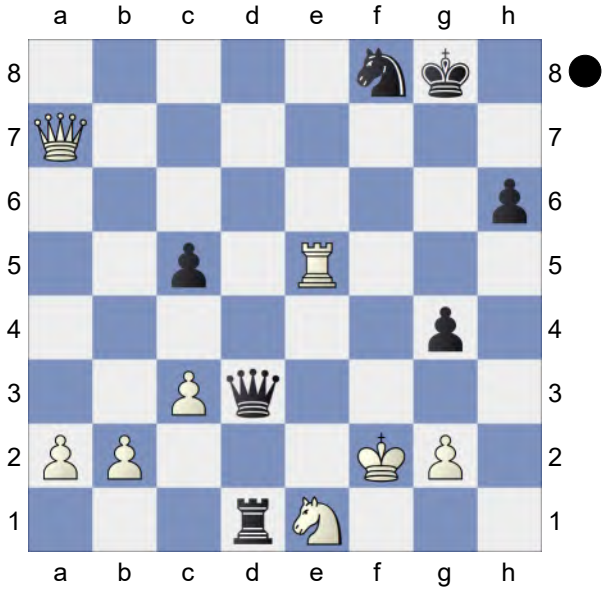
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 h6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Nh2 Nf8 White is slightly better.

12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Be6 1.23/21
[13...Ne6± 0.46/20]
14.Rae1± g5 15.Bg3 Ng6



16.Nd5 0.97/23 **cxd5 17.exd5 0-0 18.Nf3 Rad8 19.dxe6 f5 20.c3** 0.53/22
[20.Re2± 1.05/20]
20...Rf6± 21.Qc2 Rxe6 22.Qb3 Nf8 23.Rxe6 Qxe6 24.Qxb7 Rxd3 1.31/24
[24...Qxa2± 0.40/22 25.Be5 Bxe5 26.Nxe5 Qe6]
25.Qxa7± g4 1.81/24
[25...Qd5± 1.05/23]
26.Re1? -0.74/24
[26.hxg4+- 1.81/24 fxg4 27.Nh4 *(27.Re1 Qd5-+ Pin)* 27...Rxg3 28.Nf5 *(28.Qxc5? Qe3+ 29.Qxe3 Rxe3-+)*]
26...Qd5∓ Pin **27.Be5?** -3.79/24
[27.c4∓ -0.83/24 was necessary. Qd8 28.hxg4 fxg4 29.Ne5 Rxg3 30.Qf7+ Kh8 31.Ng6+ Nxg6 *(31...Kh7 32.Ne7+-)* 32.Re8+ Qxe8 33.Qxe8+ Kh7 34.Qc6]
27...Bxe5? -0.29/25
[27...Nd7-+ -3.79/24 28.c4 Qc6 *(28...Qxc4 29.Qa8+ Bf8 30.hxg4=)* 29.hxg4 fxg4 30.Bxg7 gxf3]
28.Rxe5=
[28.Nxe5? perishes. gxh3-+]
28...Rd1+ 29.Kf2? -5.77/25
[29.Kh2= -0.22/25 and White is okay. Qd3 30.hxg4 fxg4 31.Ne1 g3+ 32.Kh3]
29...Qd3-+ (→ ...Rf1+) **30.hxg4 fxg4 31.Ne1**



g3+! 32.Kg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/Black=0.35 **32...Qd2 0-1**

206 **B31**
□ **Grischuk,A.** **2777**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2563**
Titled Tuesday 1st Sept blitz (8) 1.9.20
[Kitty Kat]

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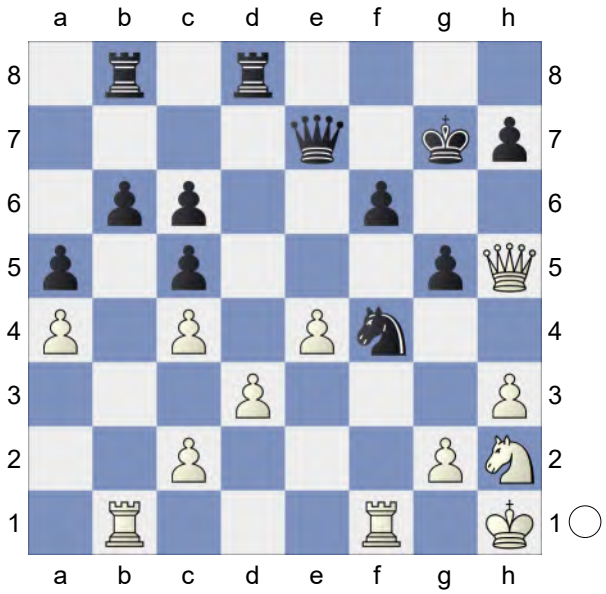
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.a4 a5 8.0-0 Nd7 9.Na3 White is slightly better. **9...e5 10.Be3 b6 11.Qc1 0-0 12.Bh6 f6 13.Nh2 Qe7 14.Kh1 Rd8** 0.89/21
[Better is 14...Ba6± 0.35/21]
15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Nc4
[16.f4 with more complications. exf4 17.Qxf4 Ne5 18.b3]
16...Ba6 17.b3 Bxc4 18.bxc4 Nf8 19.Rb1 Rab8 20.f4 exf4 21.Qxf4 Ne6 22.Qh4 White is more active. **22...g5** 2.13/21
[22...Rf8± 0.72/21 is a better defense.]
23.Qh5 Nf4

(Diagram)



24.Rxf4 0.36/19 **gxf4±** **25.Ng4** Prevents Qe5 **25...Rd6?** 2.43/23
[25...Rf8± 0.39/23]
26.Rf1 0.98/22
[26.Nh6+- 2.43/23 Threatens to win with Nf5+. Qc7 27.Ng4]
26...Qf7? 3.71/24
[26...Kh8± 0.98/22]
27.Qh6++-
[27.Qxf7+ Kxf7 28.Rxf4 b5 29.axb5 cxb5=]
27...Kh8 28.Qxf4
[Weaker is 28.Rxf4 Qg7±]
28...Qe7 6.68/26 Black is weak on the light squares
[28...Rdd8 2.95/23 29.Nxf6 *(29.Qxf6+ Qxf6 30.Nxf6 b5±)* 29...Rf8]
29.Nh6
[Inferior is 29.Nxf6 Rf8 30.e5 Re6∓]
29...Rdd8

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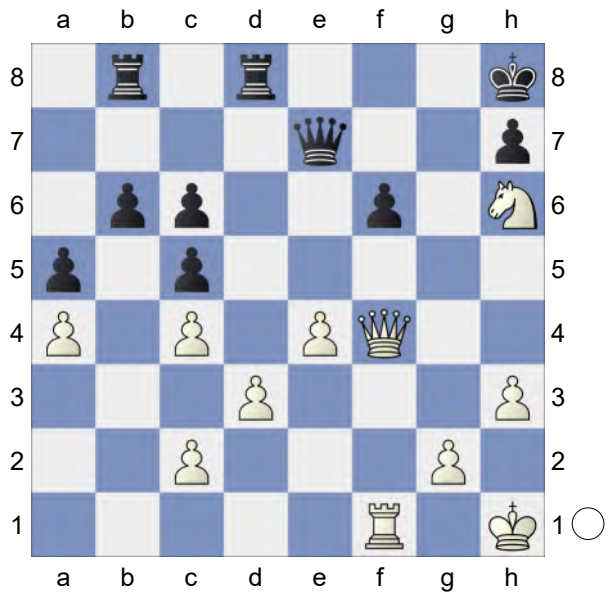
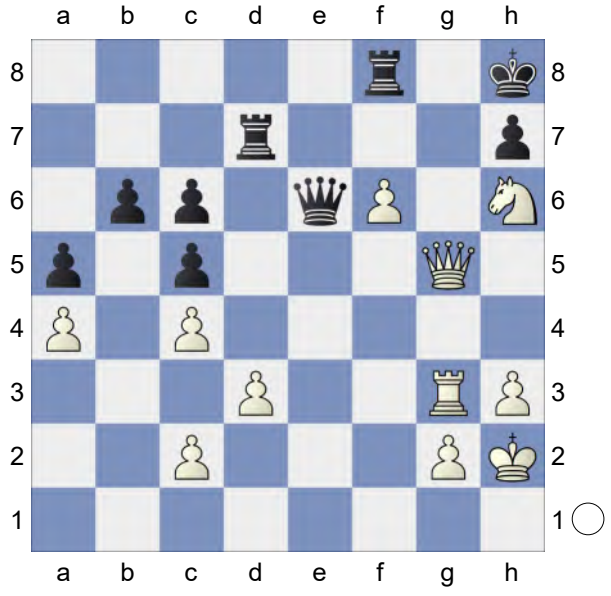


30.e5!
[30.Qxf6+ Qxf6 31.Rxf6 Rf8 32.Rxc6 Rf1+ 33.Kh2 Rc1±]
30...Rf8 31.exf6 Qe6 32.Qg5 Rb7 Prevents Qg7+. **33.Rf3 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Qe6 35.Rg3** Qg7+! would kill now. **35...Rd7**



36.Qg7+!! Rxg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=1.38 **37.fxg7#**
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207 **B30**
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2560**
■ **Gelfand,Boris** **2620**
Wch Blitz Almaty (8) 29.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

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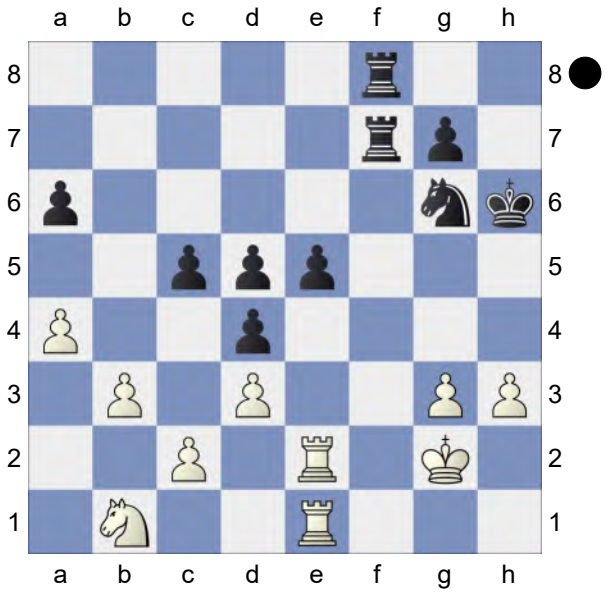
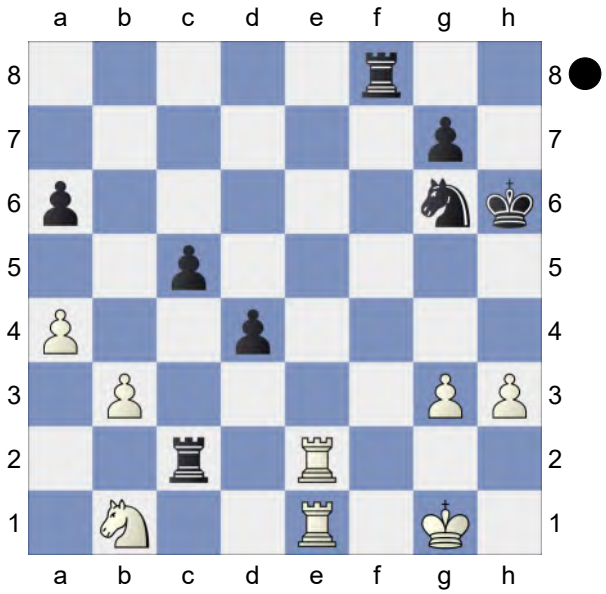
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.b3 d6!? An interesting side line. Eine

interessante Nebenvariante. **7.0-0 e5 8.Nfd2N** -0.48/21
[Data server:: 8.c3 Ng6 9.d4 Be7 10.dxe5 d5 11.Qe2 0-0 12.c4 Bg4 13.exd5 cxd5 Hoping for ...Nxe5!. 14.h3 Bxf3! 15.Qxf3 dxc4 16.Bb2 cxb3 17.axb3 ½-½ (17) Novikovas,V (2533)-Beecham,C (2470) ICCF email 2017]
[8.c3= 0.01/19]
8...Ng6∓ 9.Nc4 Be7 10.Nbd2 -0.87/18
[10.Ne3= -0.27/17]
10...0-0 -0.31/18
[10...f5∓ -0.87/18]
11.Ne3 f5 -0.01/21
[11...Re8∓ -0.42/18]
12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nxf5 Rxf5 14.Ne4 d5 15.Ng3 Rf7 16.Qg4 Wards off Qd7
16...Qc7 17.Bd2 Raf8 18.Rae1 Kh8 19.Bg5 Nf4 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Re3 Rf6 22.Rfe1 Rg6 23.Qd1
[23.Rxe5? Qxe5 24.Rxe5 Rxg4-+]
23...Re6 0.26/19
[23...Rg5∓ -0.42/23]
24.Ne2 -0.25/22
[⌓24.Nh5 0.26/19]
24...Ng6= 25.Ng3 Qh4 26.Qh5 Qb4 27.Qd1 Ref6 28.Rf1 R6f7 29.h3 Qh4 30.Qg4 Qd8 31.Qd1 Qa5 32.a4 -0.44/21
[32.Qe1= -0.01/20 might be stronger. Qxa2 33.Re2]
32...Qb4 33.Qg4 Qc3 34.Qd1 Qd4 35.Qg4 Nf4 0.14/23
[35...Qb2∓ -0.52/23 36.Qd1 Kg8]
36.Rfe1 Ng6
[36...Qb2 with more complications. 37.Rxe5 Qxc2 38.Re8 Nxd3]
37.Qxd4 cxd4 38.R3e2 c5 39.Nf1 h6 40.Nh2 h5 0.94/22
[40...Kg8= -0.01/21]
41.g3 -0.02/21 White is weak on the dark squares
[White should play 41.Nf3± 0.94/22]
41...Kh7 42.Kg2 -0.50/21
[42.h4= -0.01/19]
42...Kh6 -0.01/21
[42...h4!∓ -0.50/21]
43.Nf1 -0.56/23
[43.h4= -0.01/21]
43...Kh7 0.01/26
[43...h4∓ -0.56/23]
44.Nd2 -1.07/24
[44.Nh2= 0.01/26]
44...Kh6 0.01/25
[Black should play 44...h4∓ -1.07/24]
45.Nb1 -1.03/23
[45.Nf1= 0.01/25 keeps the balance.]
45...a6 -0.01/23 Black is more active.
[45...h4∓ -1.03/23 46.Nd2 a5]
Now White is beyond hope. **46.Rd2?** -3.57/24
[46.h4= -0.01/23]
46...h4!-+ 47.Rde2 hxg3 48.fxg3



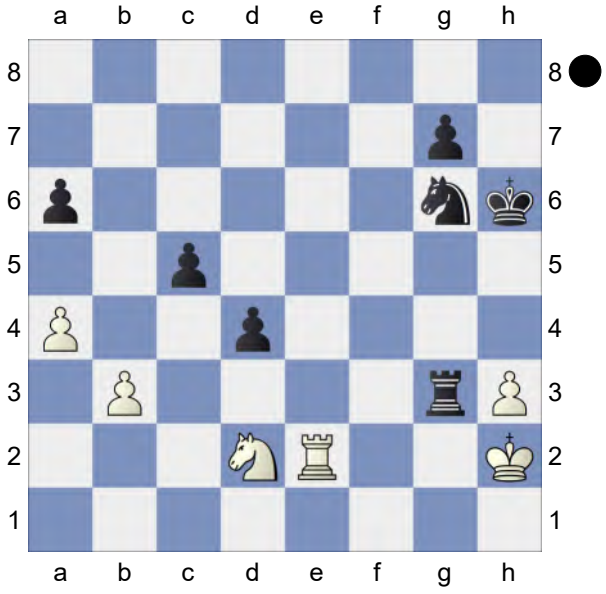
e4! Deflection **49.dxe4 dxe4 50.Rxe4** R1e2 would now be deadly. **50...Rf2+ 51.Kg1 Rxc2 52.R4e2**

(Diagram)



Prevents Rf2. **52...Rxe2** **53.Rxe2** Endgame KRN-KRN **53...Rf3!** **54.Nd2** **Rxg3+** **55.Kh2?** -7.29/24

[55.Kf2 -2.44/23 Rxh3 56.Re6]



55...Rxh3+!! Decoy **56.Kxh3**

[56.Kg1 Nf4]

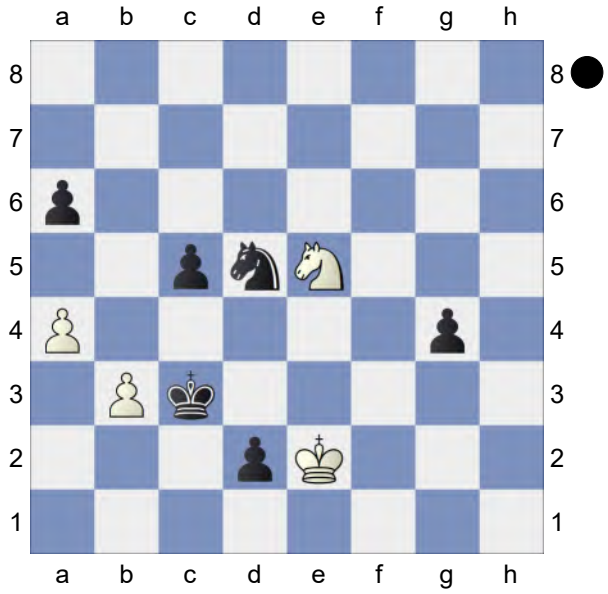
56...Nf4+ **57.Kg4** **Nxe2** KN-KN. Black is two pawns up. **58.Kf5** **g5** **59.Ne4** **d3** **60.Nd2** **Kh5** **61.Ke4** **Nf4** **62.Kf3** -9.23/25

[⌓62.Ke3 -4.64/26 Kh4 63.Ne4]

62...Kg6 **63.Kg4** -9.05/23

[⌓63.Ke4 -4.87/27 Kf6 64.Nc4]

63...Nd5 **64.Kf3** **Kf5** **65.Nc4** **g4+** **66.Kg3** **Ke4** **67.Nd2+** **Ke3** **68.Nc4+** **Kd4** **69.Kf2** **Kc3** **70.Ne5** **d2** **71.Ke2**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/ Black=0.25 (precise) **71...Ne3!** -33.86/24

0-1

208 **B30**

□ **Kryvoruchko,Yuriy** **2669**

■ **Krasenkow,Michal** **2545**

POL-chT Ekstraliga (7.3) 09.09.2022

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 **c5** **2.Nf3** **Nc6** **3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 **4.0-0** **Nge7** **5.Re1N**

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7

11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Be3 Be7 10.c4 0-0 11.Nc3 cxd4 White has an edge. **12.Nxd4 Ne5!** ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 12...Bd7. **13.h3** Inhibits Neg4. **13...Bd7 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Na4 Ng6N** 0.73/24

[Vorgänger: 16...Bd8 17.Qd1 Qa5 0-1 (17) Kuybokarov,T (2582)-Deac,B (2671) Sharjah 2022]

[16...Be8± 0.31/24 is more appropriate.]

17.Nb6± Rcd8 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.Qc2 Bc5 20.a3 Nf6 21.Red1 e5 1.36/27

[⌓21...a5 0.77/26]

22.Nf5 a5 23.Qb1 0.86/26

[23.Rxd8+- 1.68/26 Rxd8 24.Bxc5 Qxc5 25.Rd1]

23...a4 1.58/26

[Better is 23...Bxe3 0.86/26 24.Nxe3 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Nf4]

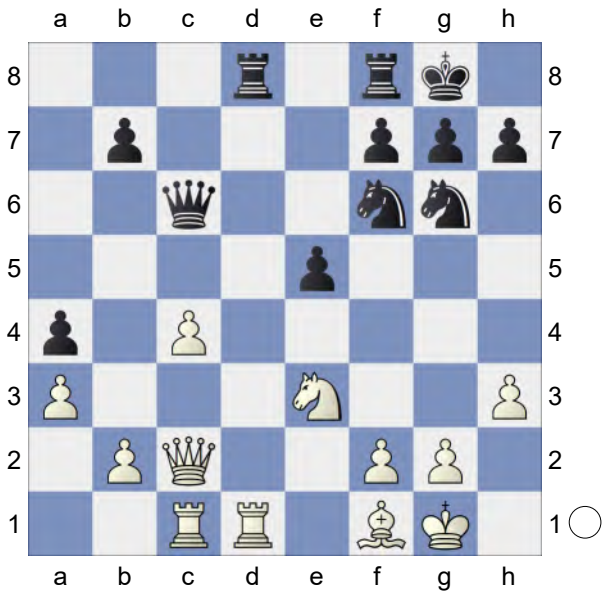
24.Qc2 0.92/28

[⌓24.Rxd8 1.58/26 Rxd8 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Rd1]

24...Bxe3 1.34/26

[⌓24...Rxd1 0.92/28 25.Rxd1 Bxe3 26.Nxe3 Ra8]

25.Nxe3 Qc6



26.Nd5! Deflection **26...Nxd5 27.cxd5**

[27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.cxd5 Qxc2 29.Rxc2 Rd8]

27...Rxd5 2.05/25

[27...Qxc2± 1.42/24 28.Rxc2 Rd6]

28.Rxd5+- Qxd5 29.Qxa4 Nf4 2.85/23

[29...Qd2 1.86/23 30.Rc2 Qd6]

30.Rc7 Rd8 Repels Rd7 **31.Qb4 h5**

[31...Qd1? 32.Qc4 *(32.Qxb7 Qxf1+ 33.Kh2 Ne2)* 32...Ne6 33.Rxb7±]

32.Rxb7

[32.Qxb7 Qd1 33.Qa6 *(33.Rxf7? Qxf1+ 34.Kh2 Qxg2+ 35.Qxg2 Nxg2-+)* 33...Kh7±]

32...Qd1 (→ ...Ne2+) **33.Qb3?** 1.66/22

[33.Qc4 4.34/23 Ne6 34.Qb4]

33...Kh7 34.Qxd1 Remove Defender

[34.Qxf7? Qxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Rd1#]

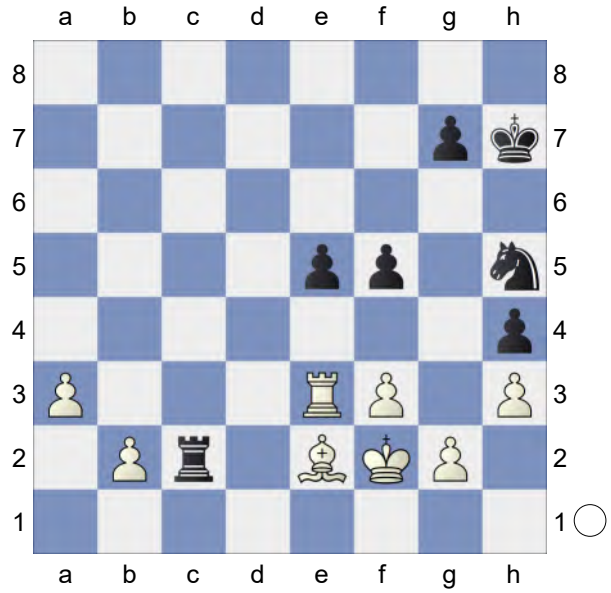
34...Rxd1± Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. **35.f3!**

[35.Rxf7? Ne2+ 36.Kh2 Rxf1-+]

35...f5 2.78/22

[35...h4± 1.46/22]

36.Rb3? 0.99/20
[36.Kf2+- 2.78/22 has better winning chances.]
36...h4? 3.34/24
[36...Ne2+± 0.99/20 37.Kf2 Nd4]
37.Kf2+- Nh5? 5.34/21
[37...Rd4 2.89/21 38.Ke1 Kg6]
38.Be2 Rc1 4.52/21
[38...Ra1 2.83/22 was necessary. 39.Rb5 Rc1 40.Rxe5 Rc2]
39.Re3? 0.89/24
[39.a4+- 4.52/21 Rc2 40.Ke1]
39...Rc2 1.46/25
[⌓39...Kg6 0.89/24]



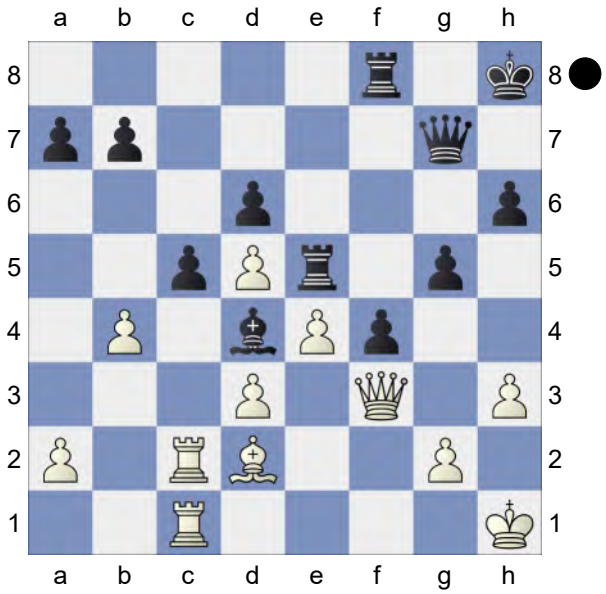
40.Rxe5 0.01/23
[White has to play 40.b4!± 1.46/25]
40...Nf4= The position is equal. **41.Kf1 Rc1+ 42.Kf2 Rc2** And now ...Nd3+ would win. **43.Kf1** b4 is the strong threat. Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.45 **43...Rc1+**
½-½

209 **B30**
□ **Xu,Yi** **2496**
■ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

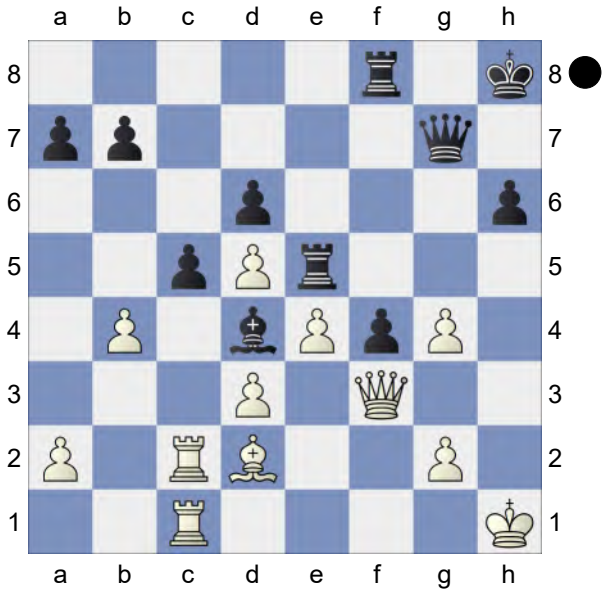
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 e5 7.d3 is now debated instead of 7.Bc4. wird nun anstelle von 7.Lc4 disktutiert.

7...h6!? 1.26/22 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[7...Be7± 0.58/20]
8.h3 0.49/21
[8.Nxd4!± 1.26/22 cxd4 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5]
8...Be7± 9.Bc4 d6 10.Nd5N
[10.Nh2 Be6 11.Ng4 -0.54/23 *(11.a4± 0.35/20)* 11...Nxg4∓ 12.hxg4 Qd7 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Ne2 Nc6 15.c3 d5 16.Ng3 0-1 Greet,A (2440)-Banikas,H (2572) WMSG Blitz Pair 1st 2008 (7)]
10...Nxd5 11.Bxd5 0-0 12.c3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Be6 14.c4 -0.09/22
[⌓14.Bxe6 0.28/21 fxe6 15.Qe2]
14...Bxd5= 15.cxd5 Qd7 16.Qg3 Kh8 17.b3 f5 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 g5 20.Bd2 Bf6 Dodges Bc3 **21.Rac1! Bd4+** -0.65/23
[21...f4!∓ -1.22/21 22.Qg4 Qg7]
22.Kh1 f4 23.Qf3 Qg7 -1.05/19
[23...a5∓ -0.57/23]
24.Rc2 Rae8 25.Rec1 -1.67/21
[25.b4∓ -1.27/22]
25...Re5 -1.07/21 White is weak on the dark squares
[25...Qg6-+ -1.67/21 26.a4 b6]
26.b4 -2.26/26
[26.Be1∓ -1.07/21]

(Diagram)



26...g4!-+ 27.hxg4



h5! -0.71/24 **28.g5∓**
[28.Bxf4? hxg4 29.Bxe5 Bxe5-+]
[28.gxh5 Rg5 *(28...Qh6 29.g4∓)* 29.Qh3 *(29.Bxf4 Rxf4 30.Qh3 Rg3-+)* 29...Rg3-+]
28...Rxg5 Black is more active. **29.Bxf4** -7.53/23
[29.bxc5∓ -1.06/22 dxc5 *(29...Rg4 30.Be1=)* 30.Be1 *(30.Bxf4? Rg4-+)*]
29...Rg4-+
[29...cxb4? 30.Rc8 Rxc8 31.Rxc8+ Kh7 32.Bxg5 *(32.Bxd6 Qf6+-)*

32...Qxg5 33.Rc7+ Bg7 34.Rxb7+- *(34.Qf5+ Qxf5 35.exf5 Kh6+-)*]
30.g3 Be5? -0.01/21
[30...h4-+ -6.82/23 31.Qg2 *(31.Rh2? Rfxf4 32.Qd1 Rf2-+)* 31...Rfxf4 *(31...cxb4 32.Qh3±; 31...hxg3 32.Qh3+ Qh7 33.Qxh7+ Kxh7 34.Bxd6=)* 32.gxf4 Rxg2 33.Rxg2 Qh6]
31.Rh2? -2.78/27
[31.bxc5? Bxf4 32.Rf1 Rxg3 33.Qxh5+ Kg8-+]
[31.Bxe5!= -0.01/21 Rxf3 *(31...dxe5 32.Qe2±)* 32.Bxg7+ Kxg7 33.bxc5 dxc5 34.d6 *(34.Rxc5 Rfxg3 35.Kh2 Rxd3∓)*]
31...Bxf4 32.gxf4 Rfxf4 33.Rxh5+ Kg8 34.Qh3 Qb2→ -0.01/24
White needs to defend precisely.
[34...c4!∓ -1.35/25 35.b5 Qd4]
35.Rf1 Rxf1+ 36.Qxf1 and Rh7! should not be overlooked **36...cxb4=**
Endgame KQR-KQR
[36...Qxa2 37.bxc5 dxc5 38.Rh8+ Kxh8 39.Qh3+ Kg7 40.Qxg4+ Kf7 41.Qe6+ Kg7 42.Qe7+ Kh6 43.Qf6+ *(43.Qxc5 Qb1+ 44.Kg2 Qxd3±; 43.Qxb7 Qf2±)* 43...Kh7 44.d6 Qb1+ 45.Kg2 Qxd3 *(45...Qc2+? 46.Kf3+-)* 46.Qf5+ Kg7 47.d7 *(47.Qxc5 Qxe4+ 48.Kf1 Kf6=)* 47...Qe2+ 48.Kg1 Qe1+ 49.Qf1+-]
37.Rh2
[37.e5 feels hotter. Qd4 38.e6 Rg7 39.Qc1]
37...Qg7
[37...Qc3 simplifies 38.Rg2 Qg7 39.Rxg4 Qxg4 40.Qf6 Qh3+]
38.Rh5? -2.83/24
[38.Qc1= -0.01/23 and White is okay. Qf8 *(38...Qc3 39.Qf1∓)* 39.Rg2 Rxg2 40.Kxg2]
38...a5? -0.91/24
[38...Rg3-+ -2.83/24 is more deadly. 39.Rh2 a5]
39.Qf3? -7.24/24
[39.e5∓ -0.91/24]
39...Qa1+? -1.67/5
[39...a4 -7.24/24 40.Qd1 b3 41.axb3 a3]
40.Kh2-+ Qg7 0.01/24
[40...Qxa2+ 41.Kh3 Rg7 42.Rf5 Rh7+ 43.Kg4 Rg7+ 44.Kh3 Rh7+ 45.Kg4 Rg7+ 46.Kh3=]
[Better is 40...Rg6-+ -2.44/25 41.Kh3 Rg1 *(41...Qxa2 42.Rf5=)*]
41.Kh3? -6.81/24
[41.Kh1= 0.01/24]
41...Rg1 42.Kh2 Rg4? 0.01/29
[42...a4-+ -6.42/23 Strongly threatening ...b3. 43.Rh4 Rg6]
43.Kh3= Rg6 -0.01/24
[43...Rg5∓ -0.45/24 might be stronger.]
44.Kh2? -6.94/23
[44.Qf5= -0.01/24]
44...a4-+ 45.Qh3 Qb2+ Black mates. **46.Kh1 Qc1+ 47.Kh2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.90/Black=0.71 **47...Qg1# 0-1**

210 **B30**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2712**
■ **Adhiban,Baskaran** **2668**
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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
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3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Ng6 9.c4 White is slightly better.

9...Bc5 10.Nc3 Na4 is the strong threat.

10...Qc7 11.Kh1 e5 12.Na4 Bd4 13.c5! d6 14.Be3 dxc5 15.Nxc5 0.11/22

[15.Qc2!± 0.51/22]

15...Bxb2= 16.Rb1 Bd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Bc4 Qd6 19.Nd3 -0.27/23

[⌓19.Nb3 0.20/22]

19...0-0 20.f4 Be6

[20...Re8!?]

21.Qc2 -0.39/22

[21.Rc1= 0.01/22]

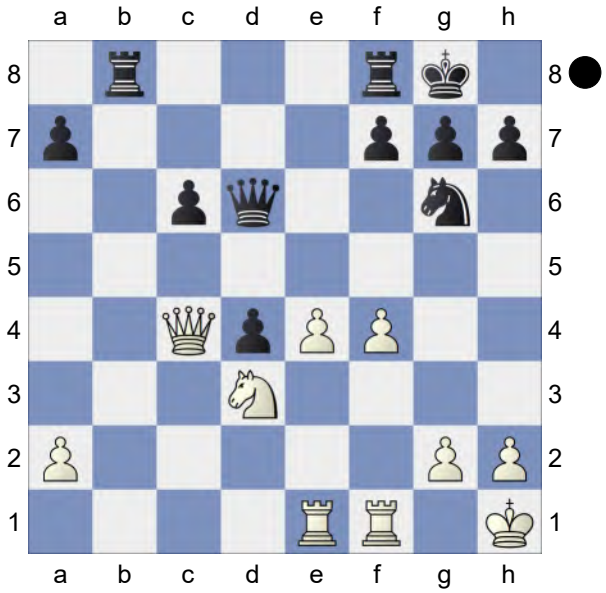
21...Rab8 0.10/23

[21...Bxc4∓ -0.39/22 was preferable. 22.Qxc4 c5]

22.Rbe1 -0.47/26

[Better is 22.Bxe6= 0.10/23 fxe6 23.g3]

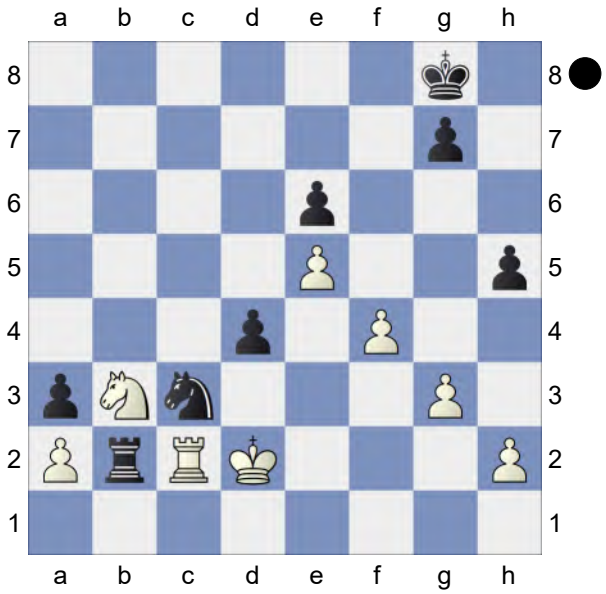
22...Bxc4∓ 23.Qxc4



c5! 24.e5 Qe6 25.Rc1 Rfc8 26.Qxe6 fxe6 27.Rc4! Ne7 28.g3 Nd5 29.Rfc1! h5 30.Rxc5 Rxc5 31.Rxc5= Endgame KRN-KRN **31...Rb1+ 32.Rc1 Rb6 33.Kg1 Nc3 34.Rc2** Wards off Ne2+ **34...a5 35.Kf2 a4 36.Ke1 a3 37.Kd2 Rb1 38.Nc1! Rb2** -0.01/23

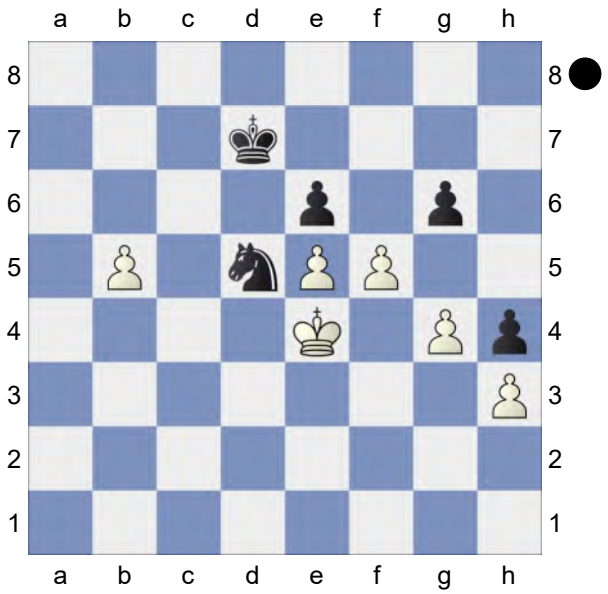
[38...h4∓ -0.38/24]

39.Nb3!



Rxb3 40.axb3 a2 41.Rxa2 Nxa2

KN-KP **42.Kd3 Nc1+ 43.Kc2! Na2 44.Kd3 Nb4+**
[44...Nc1+ 45.Kc2 Na2 46.Kd3∓]
45.Kxd4 Kf7 46.Kc5 Nd3+ 47.Kd4 Nb2 48.h3
[48.Kc3!? Nd1+□ 49.Kd2-+]
48...g6 49.g4 h4 50.b4! Ke7 51.b5 Na4 52.Kc4 Kd7 53.Kd4 Nb6 54.Ke4? -7.53/26
[54.Kc5∓ -0.45/24 Kc7 55.Kd4]
54...Nd5-+ Black is clearly winning. **55.f5**

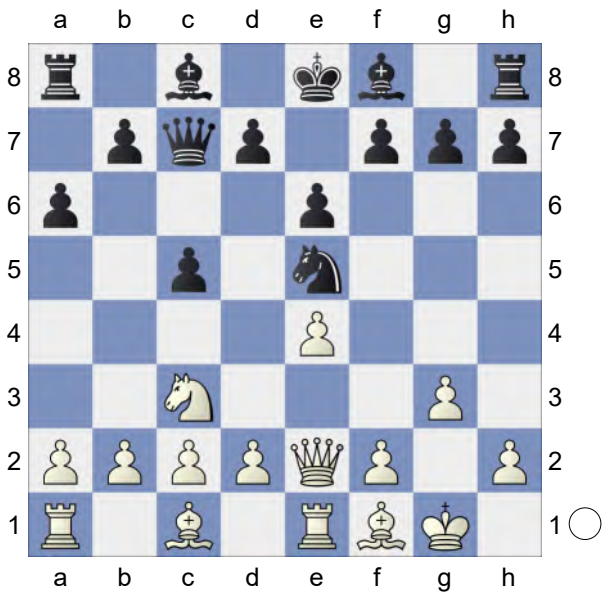


g5! White must now prevent ...Nc3+.
56.f6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
56...Nc3+
0-1

211 **B30**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2646**
■ **Gorovets,Andrey** **2476**
Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 Nc6**
[2...e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 e5 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 h6 11.Be3 b6 12.Nh4 Be6 13.b5 Na5 14.c4 Qd7 15.Nc3 Rae8 16.Rb1 Kh7 17.Nd5 1-0 Damljanovic,B (2535)-Kindermann,S (2519) EUCup 18th Chalkidiki 2002 (2)]
3.Bb5N
[3.d3 d6 4.Nbd2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 Rb8 9.Nc4 b6 10.Nfd2 a6 11.f4 Bg4 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Ne3 Ra8 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.f5 c4 0-1 Canonne,A-Seret,J (2350) Gonfreville op 1980 (5) 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxc4 Rd8 21.Qe2 e4 22.Nh4 Qa6 23.b3 Ne5 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Be3 Nxc4 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.bxc4 Rc8 28.c5 Ng4 29.Ng2 Nxe3 30.Nxe3 Bd4 31.Re1 Rxc5 32.Re2 Rc3 0-1 Zier,L-Ig5 (2350) Champigny sur 37/338 1984 (5) 33.Kf2 f5 0-1 Cantore,A-Petrillo,M ITA-ch39 corr 1989]
[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 e5 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Na3 h6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.dxc5 dxe4 13.Nd2 Nf5 14.Rb1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 f5 16.b4 a5 17.b5 Nb4 0-1 Nogueira,N (2079)-Dubyna (2538) CCLA ch-1 8586 1985 (8)]
3...Nf6 4.Nc3 Qc7 5.0-0 Nd4 6.Re1 a6 7.Bf1 Ng4 (→ ...Nxf3+) **8.g3 Nxf3+! 9.Qxf3** White is slightly better.
9...Ne5 10.Qe2 e6

(Diagram)



Inhibits Nd5. **11.Nd5!?** -0.01/21 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **11...exd5= 12.exd5**
[12.d4 Ng6 *(12...cxd4 13.exd5 f6 14.f4∓* Pin *)* 13.exd5+ Be7∓]
12...d6 13.f4 Pin **13...f6! 14.c3 Be7** and ...Bg4 would now be decisive **15.fxe5 dxe5N**
[Vorgänger: 15...fxe5 16.d4 cxd4 17.cxd4 0-0 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.Be3 Bf5 20.Rac1 Qd7 21.Bg2 Rae8 ½-½ Ronchetti,N (2410)-Zhigalko,S (2560) EU-ch U18 17th 2007 (5)]

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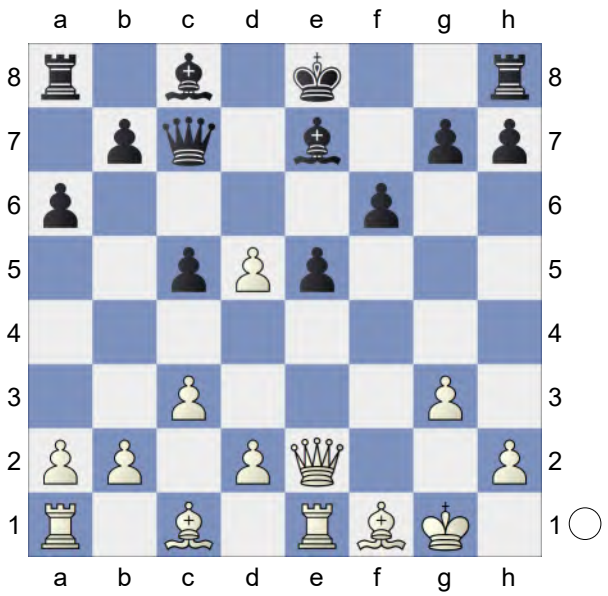
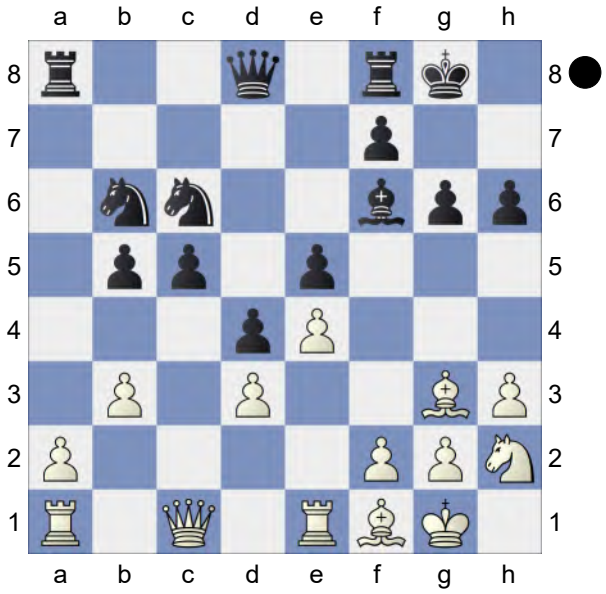


16.d4! cxd4 17.cxd4 0-0 18.Be3 e4? 1.70/22
[18...Bf5= 0.01/23]
19.Bf4+- Bd6 4.48/24
[19...Qb6± 1.52/22]
20.Bxd6? 0.91/21
[20.Qxe4 Bxf4 21.Qxf4 Qxf4 22.gxf4 Bf5±]
[20.Rac1+- 4.48/24 and the rest is easy. Qd7 21.Qxe4]
20...Qxd6± 21.Qxe4 Bd7 22.Qe7↑ Keeping Black busy. **22...Qxe7** 3.26/19
[22...Qxd5± 0.83/22 23.Qb4 Rac8]
23.Rxe7+- Rf7 24.Rae1 and d6 would now be decisive **24...Kf8?** 3.40/24
[24...Rxe7 1.74/25 25.Rxe7 Rd8]
25.d6 Re8 26.Bg2 b6 6.80/22
[26...Rfxe7 3.22/28 27.dxe7+ *(27.Rxe7 Rd8±)* 27...Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Kxe7]
27.Rxe8+ White is clearly winning. **27...Bxe8 28.Rc1 f5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.80 **29.Rc8 1-0**

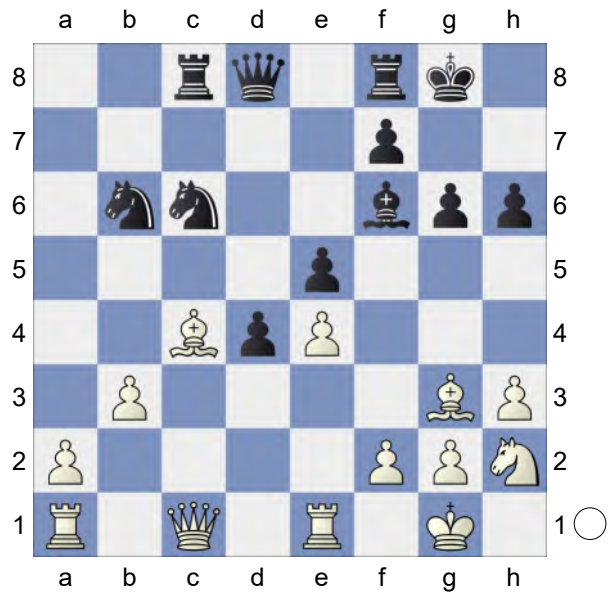
212 **B51**
□ **Drygalov,Andrey** **2484**
■ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 e6 9.c3 Be7 White has an edge. **10.d3 Nf6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11.Be3 d5 12.Nd2N 0-0 13.Qd1**
[13.a4 Rc8 14.Bf4 b5 0.47/21 *(14...d4=* -0.04/20) 15.axb5 axb5 16.Ra6 Qd7 17.Rea1 Rfd8 18.Qe2 0.01/20 *(18.g4!±* 0.47/21) 18...dxe4 19.dxe4]
13...d4 14.Bf4 e5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Nd7 17.Bg3 b5 18.c4 -0.73/20
[18.Nf3= -0.21/18]
18...Nb6∓ 19.b3 Bg5 Black is more active. **20.Nf3 Bf6 21.Nh2 g6 22.cxb5** -0.77/20
[22.f4!∓ -0.35/21]
22...axb5 23.Qc1



c4 0.27/23 **24.dxc4= bxc4** 0.77/21
[24...Bg5= 0.18/23 keeps the balance. 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4 bxc4]
25.Bxc4± Rc8

(Diagram)



26.Ng4 0.45/23
[26.Qxh6 Nxc4 27.Qc1 *(27.bxc4? Bg5-+)* 27...Nd6-+]
[26.Ba6!± 0.94/23 Rc7 27.Ng4 *(27.Qxh6? Bg5-+)*]
26...Bg5± 27.Qd1 -0.64/24
[27.Nxh6+? Kg7 28.Nxf7 Rxf7-+ *(28...Bxc1?* too greedy. *29.Nxd8 Nxc4 30.Rexc1+-* Pin *)*]
[27.f4± 0.50/23 d3 28.fxg5]
27...Nxc4∓ 28.bxc4 Qe7 29.Rb1 -1.05/23
[29.Nh2∓ -0.61/22]
29...h5∓ This costs White the game.
30.Nh2 -3.96/20
[30.Nxe5∓ -0.76/24 is a better chance. Nxe5 31.f4 Rxc4 *(31...Nxc4 32.fxg5 Qxg5 33.Rb3∓; 31...h4 32.Bh2∓)* 32.fxg5]
30...h4-+ 31.Bxe5 -6.23/20
[⌓31.Bxh4 -3.95/19 Bxh4 32.Rb5]
31...Nxe5 32.Qxd4 Rxc4 33.Qb6 Bf4 34.Nf1 Rc2 Hoping for ...Nd3!. **35.Qb3 Rfc8 36.a4 Qc5 37.Ne3 Rc3 38.Qd5 Bxe3 39.fxe3 Rxe3 40.Qxc5 Rxe1+ 41.Rxe1 Rxc5** Endgame KRN-KR **42.Ra1 Ra5 43.Kf2 Nd3+ 44.Kf3 Nc5 45.Rc1 Nxa4** Predecessor: **46.Ra1 Kg7 47.Kg4 g5 48.e5** -7.22/26
[⌓48.Kh5 -4.70/24 Ra6 49.e5]
48...Kg6 49.g3 hxg3 50.Kxg3 Ra6 51.h4 gxh4+ 52.Kxh4 1-0 (65) Pepene,G (2502)-Yamaliev,V (2468) ICCF email 2019 **52...Nc5 53.Rf1 Ra4+ 54.Kh3 Re4 55.Rf6+ Kg7 56.Rf5 Nd7 57.Rg5+ Kf8 58.e6 Rxe6** (→ ...Rh6+) **59.Kg3 Rg6** Black mates. **60.Kg4 Rxg5+ 61.Kxg5 Kg7 62.Kf5 f6 63.Kf4 Kg6 64.Kf3 f5 65.Kf2 Kg5 66.Kf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.49 **66...f4**
0-1

213 **B30**
□ **Aronian,L.** **2722**
■ **Rosen,E.** **2377**
Titled Tue 7th Oct 2025 blitz (7) 07.10.25
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6

7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]

4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 e6 9.a4 Nf6 The position is equal. **10.d3 Be7 11.g3 d5 12.Bg2 0-0 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.c3 b5 15.Nd2 Qb6 16.h4 Rad8 17.Qe2 Rfe8 18.Ne4 Na5** 0.73/22

[18...h6!= 0.17/20]

19.Bg5 0.28/21

[19.axb5± 0.73/22 And now b4! would win. axb5 20.Bg5]

19...Bxg5 1.16/24

[19...b4= 0.28/21]

20.hxg5± Nb3 21.Ra3 c4 3.53/24 **22.dxc4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rb8 24.Qe2 Rec8 25.Bf3** 1.43/23

[Better is 25.a5+- 2.50/22 Nxa5 26.Ra4]

Loses the game. **25...Na5** 4.11/22

[25...Nc5± 1.43/23]

26.b4+- Nc4 27.Rb3 Ne5 28.Bg2 Rc7 7.65/22

[28...a5 3.39/20 29.Reb1 Ra8]

29.Nc5 Rxc5 30.bxc5 Qxb3 31.Qxe5

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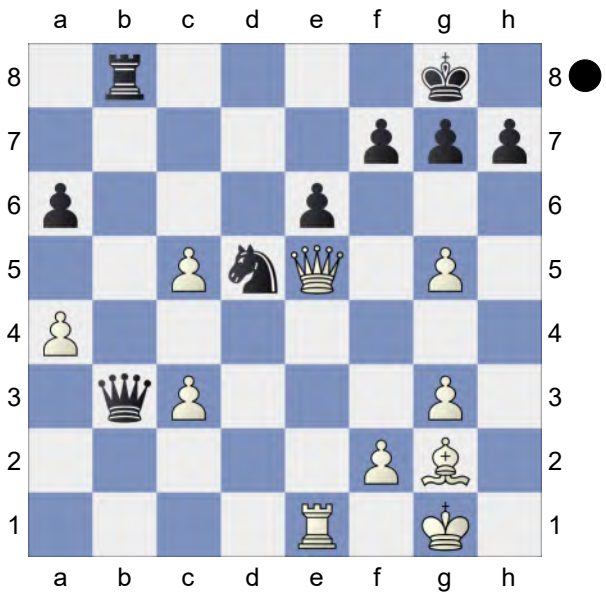
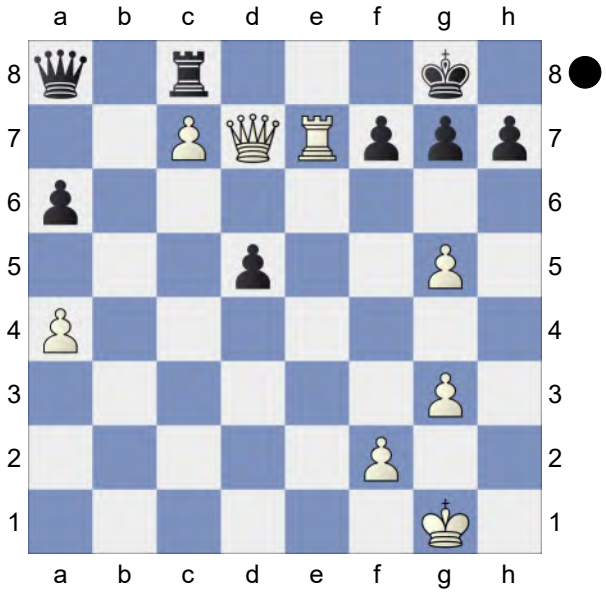


Nxc3 32.c6 Rc8 33.Qd6 Nd5 34.Qd7 Qb8 35.Bxd5 exd5 36.c7 Qa8 37.Re7



Intending g6! and mate. **37...Qb7 38.Rxf7** 14.45/28

[⌓38.Qd8+ #2/6 Rxd8 39.cxd8Q#]

38...d4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=1.29 **39.Rxg7+**

1-0

214 **B51**
□ **Nasuta,Grzegorz** **2550**
■ **Martinez Alcantara,Jose Eduardo**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 Nf6 7.c3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 g6 9...e6 deserves study. 9...e6 verdient Beachtung. **10.d3 Bg7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nd2 Nd7 13.Qd1 b5** White is slightly better. **14.Nf3 Qc7!?** Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **15.d4 Rab8 16.Qd2N**
[Vorgänger: 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Qd2 a5 18.a3 0.34/19 *(18.h4± 0.82/18)* 18...a4⯱ 19.Bg5 Re8 20.h4 Na5 21.Rcd1 Nb3 22.Qe3 0-1 (53) Sedina,E (2312)-Zawadzka,J (2434) Chakvi 2015]
16...Rfe8 17.Rac1 Na5 18.b3 Nc6 19.Red1 Rbd8 20.Bh6 Nf6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qe3 e5 23.dxc5 dxc5 24.Qxc5 Strongly threatening Rxd8. **24...Nxe4 25.Qe3 Nf6 26.c4 b4 27.g3** -0.84/22
[27.Rxd8= -0.24/23 Rxd8 28.Nd2]
27...Qa5 -0.09/22
[27...a5!∓ -0.84/22]
28.Bg2 -1.18/24
[28.c5!= -0.09/22 keeps the balance.]
28...Nd4 0.01/21
[28...Qxa2∓ -1.18/24 Strongly threatening ...Rxd1+. 29.Rxd8 Rxd8 30.Nxe5 Nxe5 31.Qxe5 Qxb3]
29.Nxd4= exd4 30.Qd2 Qc5 31.Qd3 Re7 32.Rc2 a5 33.Rcd2 h5 34.Qf3 -0.96/26
[34.Bd5= 0.04/25]
34...Ne4∓ Black is more active. **35.Qxe4 Rxe4 36.Bxe4**

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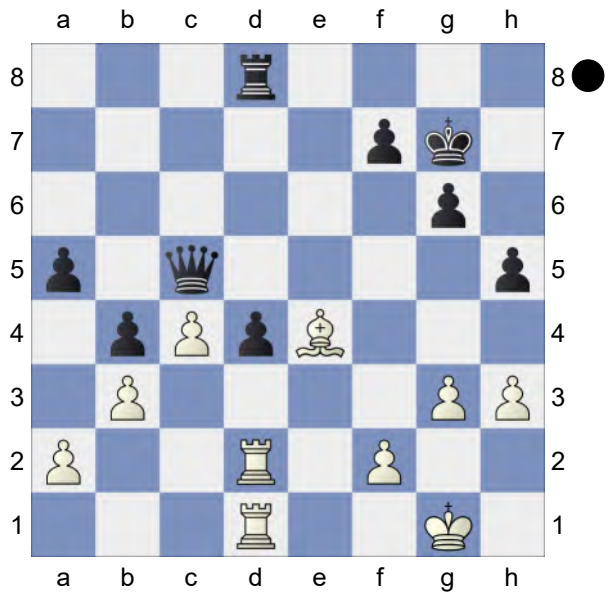

a4 -0.31/22 **37.Bd5∓ a3** -0.01/24
[37...Re8∓ -0.50/24 is superior.]
38.Rxd4= Re8 39.R4d2 Repels Re2
39...h4 40.Kg2 -1.63/26
[40.g4!∓ -0.42/25]
40...hxg3-+ 41.Kxg3 -2.15/27
[41.fxg3∓ -1.43/26 Re3 42.Rf2]
41...Qc7+ 42.Kg2 Re5 43.Rd3? -5.14/28
[43.Bf3 -1.61/25 nothing else works.]
43...Rg5+ 44.Rg3 Rxg3+ -0.78/24
[44...Qe5-+ -5.04/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 45.Rxg5 Qxg5+ 46.Kf1 Qf5]
45.fxg3 Endgame KQ-KRB **45...Qe5 46.Rd2** Wards off Qe2+ **46...Qc3** Black has strong compensation. **47.Rf2 f5 48.h4 Kh6 49.Kh2** -1.18/29
[49.Bf3∓ -0.61/31]
49...Qd4 -0.70/29
[49...f4∓ -1.18/29 50.gxf4 Kh5 51.Bf3+ Kxh4]
50.Kg2∓ Qe5 51.Kh2 Qd6 52.Kg2 Qe7 53.Kh2

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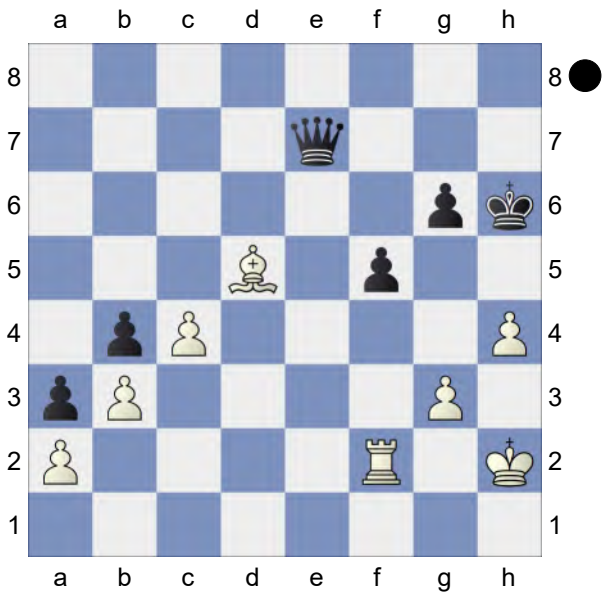
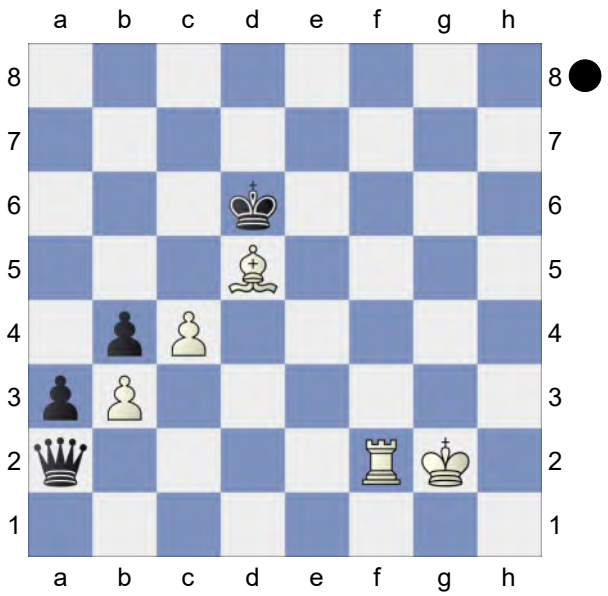


f4! Decoy **54.gxf4** -1.56/25
[54.Bf3 -0.79/29]
54...Qxh4+∓ 55.Kg2 Qg4+ 56.Kf1 Kg7 57.Ke1 Qg1+ -0.95/25
[57...Kf6-+ -1.71/27 58.Rg2 Qf5 *(58...Qxf4? 59.Rf2+-* Pin *)*]
58.Ke2 Qg3 59.Kf1 -1.48/27
[White should try 59.Be4 -1.05/25]
59...Kf6 60.Ke1 Qc3+ 61.Kf1 Kf5 62.Kg2 Kf6 0.01/26
[62...Qe3∓ -1.46/27 63.Rf3 Qe2+ 64.Rf2 Qg4+ 65.Kf1 Qh5]
63.Kh2? -1.57/28
[63.Kf1!= 0.01/26]
63...Ke7 64.Kg2 -2.13/24
[64.Re2+∓ -1.42/26 Kd6 65.Kg2]
64...Kd6 65.f5? -3.33/31
[65.Re2∓ -1.35/26 keeps fighting.]
65...gxf5-+ 66.Rxf5? -6.65/24
[66.Bf3 -3.48/29]
66...Qg7+ 67.Kf1 Qa1+ 68.Kg2 Qxa2+ 69.Rf2

(Diagram)

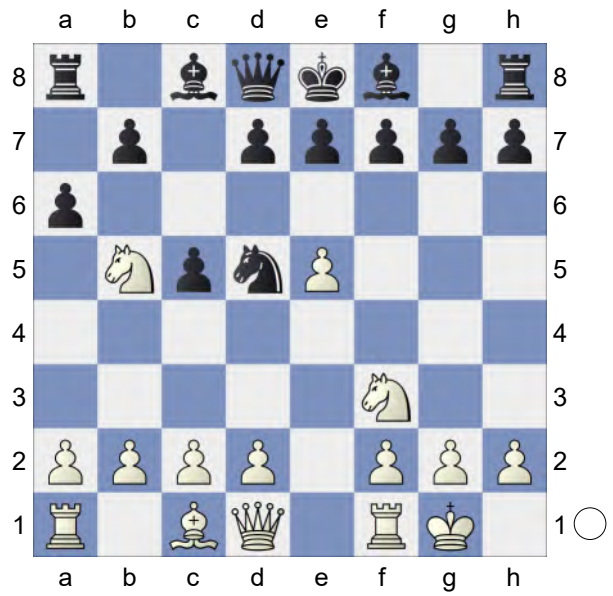


Qxf2+!! Clearance, Promotion **70.Kxf2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.27 (precise) **70...a2** -12.94/21
[⌓70...Ke5 -#17/24 71.Bb7 a2 72.c5 a1Q *(72...a1B 73.Bh1=)* 73.Kg3 Qe1+ 74.Kg4 Qg1+ 75.Kf3 Qh1+ Skewer *(75...Qxc5* gets mated. *76.Kg3 Qe3+ 77.Kg4 Qf4+ 78.Kh3 Qg5 79.Bg2 Kf4 80.Kh2 Ke3 81.Kg1 Qg3 82.Kh1 Kf2* Discovered Attack *83.Be4 Qh4#)* 76.Kg4 Qxb7 77.Kg3 Qe4 78.c6 Qxc6 79.Kh3 Kf4 80.Kh2 Qc2+ 81.Kh1 Kf3 82.Kg1 Qg2#]
0-1

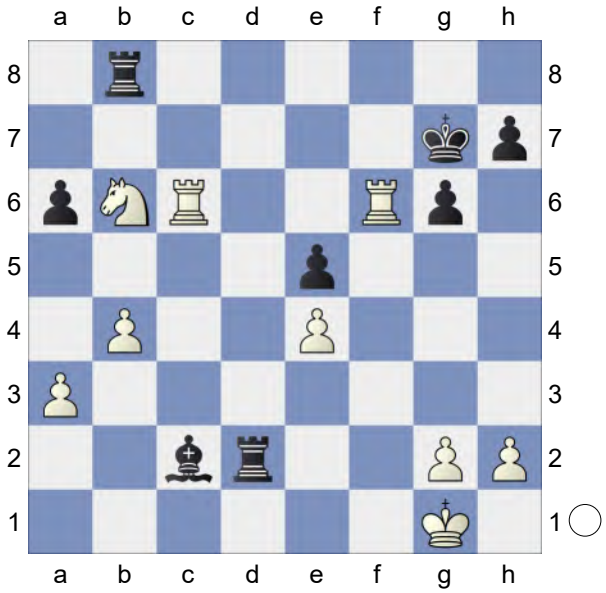
215 **B30**
□ **Haddouche,Mohamed Amine** **2490**
■ **Antipov,Mikhail Al** **2577**
Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Nc3 Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.Ng5. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.Sg5. **7...a6**

(Diagram)



8.c4! Nb4 9.Nc3 d6! 10.exd6 Qxd6 White is slightly better. **11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4** -0.18/20
[12.Ne4± 0.67/24 Qc7 13.Re1]
12...g6N 1.39/24
[12...e5 13.Nf3 -0.55/22 *(13.Re1=* -0.19/23 *)* 13...Qxd1∓ 14.Rxd1 Bg4 0.01/23 *(14...f6∓* -0.82/22 *)* 15.Be3 Rc8 16.b3 -0.61/22 *(16.a3=* -0.24/22 *Nc2 17.Rac1 Nxe3 18.fxe3)* 16...Nc2 17.Rac1 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Ba3 0-1 Bouma,J-Jaskula,R IECC CL4-1998.10]
[12...e5= -0.18/20 13.Nf3 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 f6]
13.a3± Nc6 14.Nxc6 0.01/23
[14.Nd5± 1.15/24 Bg7 15.Nxc6 Overworked Piece Qxc6 16.Bf4]
14...Qxd1!= 15.Rxd1 bxc6 Black is weak on the dark squares **16.Na4 Bf5 17.Re1 f6** Prevents Bg5. **18.Be3 Kf7 19.b4 e5 20.Bc5** -0.45/23
[20.Rac1= -0.01/23]
20...Bh6 0.01/22
[20...Bc2∓ -0.45/23 21.Bxf8 Bxa4]
21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Rhd8 23.e4 -0.40/25
[23.Nc5= -0.01/24]
23...Be6∓ 24.Red1 -0.69/24
[24.Nc5= -0.29/24 deserves consideration.]
24...Bxc4 25.Nb6 Bb3 0.01/21
[25...Be2!∓ -0.54/26 26.Rdc1 Ra7]
26.Rdc1↑ White has some pressure.
26...Rab8 27.Rxc6 Rd2 0.65/23
[Black should play 27...f5= -0.01/21]
28.Rf1!± Bc2? 2.20/26
[28...Rbd8± 0.60/22]
29.Rfxf6+ 0.90/23
[29.Nc4+- 2.20/26 and White stays clearly on top. Re2 30.Rcxf6+ *(30.Rfxf6+ Kg7±)* 30...Kg7 31.Rf7+ *(31.Rxa6 Bxe4 32.Ra7+ Kh6=)* 31...Kg8 32.Nxe5]
29...Kg7±



30.Rf2 0.39/25
[30.Rfd6!± 0.85/22 Rxd6 31.Rxd6]
30...Rd1+± 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Kxf1 Bxe4 0.76/27 Endgame KRB-KRN
[32...Rf8+!± 0.37/24 33.Kg1 Bxe4]
33.Rc7+± Kh6 34.Nd7 Rb5 3.11/23
[34...Re8!± 0.69/22]
35.Nc5 Bf5 36.Kf2? 0.63/23
[Resist 36.Nxa6?! Rd5±]
[36.Ra7+- 2.73/22]
36...a5± 37.Rb7 Rxb7 38.Nxb7 axb4

39.axb4 KB-KN **39...Kg7** **40.Nc5** Against Bd7. b5 would now be deadly. **40...Kf7** **41.Ke3** **Ke7** **42.b5** **Kd6** **43.Nd3**
[43.b6 looks sharper. Kc6 44.b7 Kc7 45.Kf3]
43...Bc8 **44.g3** **Bb7** **45.b6** **Kd5** **46.h4** **h5** **47.Nb4+** **Kc5** **48.Nd3+** **Kd6** **49.Nb4** **Ke7** **50.Nd3** **Ke6?** #23/32
[50...Kd6= -0.01/26]
51.Nc5+ **Kd5** **52.Nxb7** Nd8 would kill now. **52...Kc6** **53.Nd8+** 33.44/30
[⌓53.Na5+ #20/28 Kxb6 54.Ke4 *(54.Nc4+ Kc5+-)* 54...Kxa5 55.Kxe5 Kb6 56.Kf6 Kc5 57.Kxg6 Kd6 58.Kxh5]
53...Kxb6+- Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/Black=0.40 **54.Ne6**
1-0

216 **B30**
□ **Oro,Faustino** **2447**
■ **Dardha,Daniel** **2652**
Djerba Festival Masters 2025 (7.5)
[Kitty Kat]

Slow 90min+30sec B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4** 3 **c5** 18 **2.Nf3** 5 **Nc6** 13 **3.Bb5** 4
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th Issy les Moulineaux 2011 (3)]
3...e6 24 **4.0-0** 7 **Nge7** 4 **5.Re1N** 5
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
5...Nd4 1:09 **6.Nxd4** 2:50 **cxd4** 52 **7.c3** 32 **a6** 40 **8.Bf1** 47 B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6. **8...Nc6** 11 **9.b4** 3:04 9.b4 is better than 9.d3. Wards off Bc5 **9...Bd6** 3:27 **10.Bb2** 3:35 White is slightly better. White is slightly better. **10...dxc3** 2:20 **11.dxc3** 2:33 **Qc7** 30 **12.g3** 8:05 **0-0** 3:41 **13.Nd2** 1:58 **b6** 3:07 **14.f4N** 7:27
[Predecessor: 14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Rad1 Rfd8 17.Nc4 Be7 1.13/19 *(17...Bf8± 0.38/21)* 18.e5± d5 1.58/21 *(⌓18...Na5 1.09/20 19.Nd6 Bxg2)* 19.exd6± Bxd6 20.Bc1 1-0 Schmider,N (2393)-Wartiovaara,O (2340) Rilton Cup 52nd 2024 (8)]
14...Bb7 8:25 **15.Bg2** 3:57
[15.Nc4!? Be7□ 16.Ne3=]
15...Rfd8 43 **16.Qe2** 3:36 **Bf8** 3:22 **17.Rad1** 4:31 **Ne7** 8:16 **18.Kh1** -0.20/16 7:59
[18.c4=]
[18.c4 0.16/17 was preferrable.]

18...d5∓ 7:54 **19.c4** 5:51 **dxc4** 8:37 **20.Nxc4** 2:47 **Nc6** 2:20 Black wants to play ...b5. **21.a3** 44 **b5↑** 1:12 White is under pressure. Threatens to win with ...Rxd1. Black has good play. **22.Ne3** 6:40 **a5** 8:11 **23.Rxd8** -0.81/19 3:00

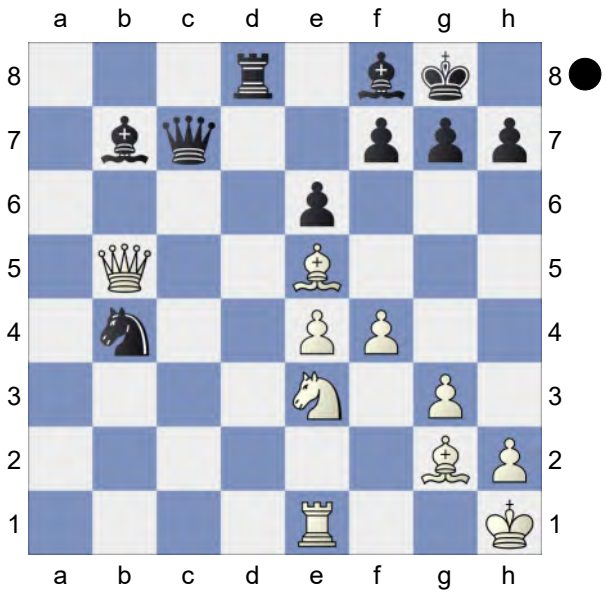
[23.bxa5!= remains equal. Qxa5 24.Bf1 -1.14/20 *(24.f5∓ -0.33/20)*]

[23.bxa5!∓ -0.35/21 should be considered. Rxa5 *(23...Qxa5 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rb1∓)* 24.Rxd8 Qxd8 25.Rb1]

23...Rxd8∓ 3:28 **24.Qxb5** 7:18 **axb4** 34 **25.axb4** 28 **Nxb4** 3:32 **26.Be5** -1.54/21 1:59

[26.Rb1∓]

[⌓26.Ng4 -0.75/24]



26...Qc8! 4:48 **27.Rb1** 10:42 **Ba6** 10:00 **28.Qa5** 49 **Rd3** 5:47

[Don't do 28...Nc6 29.Qc7]

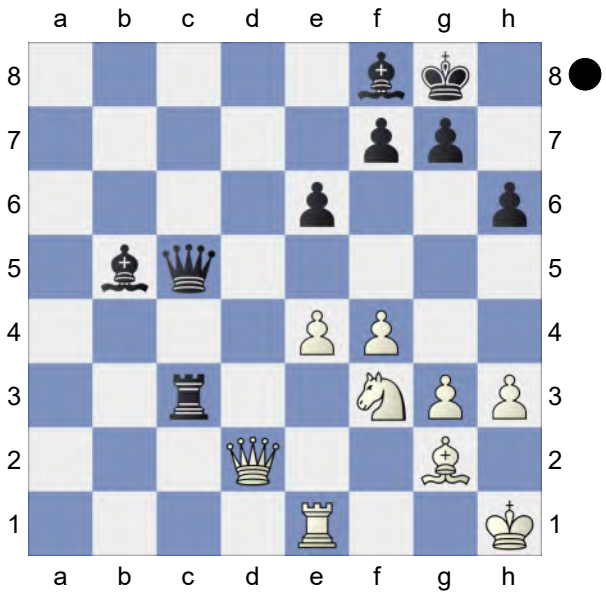
29.Nf1 1:44 **Nc6** 4:06 **30.Qc7** 18 **Nxe5** 43 **31.Qxe5** 2 **Qc4** -1.15/21 2:23

[31...Qc2-+ -1.68/19 32.Ra1 Bb7]

32.Qb2 2:10 **Rc3** 1:04 ...Rc2 is the strong threat. **33.Nd2** 4:52 **Qc5** 1:22 **34.Nf3** 1:01 **Bd3** 2:30 **35.Re1** 24 **h6** 24 **36.Qd2** 2:18 **Bb5** 56 **37.h3?** -3.16/23 1:41

[Better is 37.Rb1∓]

[37.Rb1∓ -1.27/20]



37...Rc2? -1.39/23 25

[37...Qa3!-+ Hoping for ...Rd3!. 38.Ne5 -3.90/23 *(⌓38.Ng1 -2.68/20)* 38...Rxg3]

[37...Qa3-+ -3.16/23 has better winning chances. 38.Rb1 Bd3 *(38...Rxf3 39.Rxb5 Rxg3 40.Kh2∓)*]

38.Qe3 56 **Qb4** 37 Black has more active pieces. Strongly threatening ... Bc5. **39.Nd4?** -5.16/21 2:24 Now White is beyond hope.

[39.Rc1∓ Bc5 40.Qe1 Rxc1 -1.04/22 *(40...Qxe1+-+ -1.68/22 41.Rxe1 g6)* 41.Qxc1]

[39.Rc1∓ -1.51/22 is more resistant. Bc5 40.Qe1 Rxc1 41.Qxc1]

39...Rc3-+ 33

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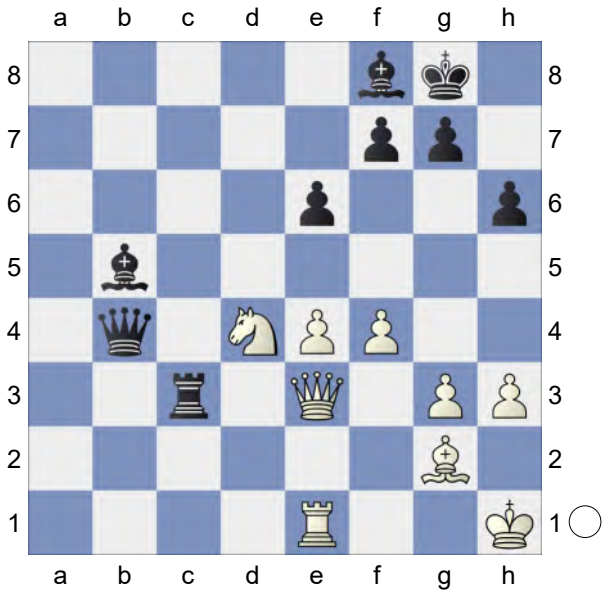
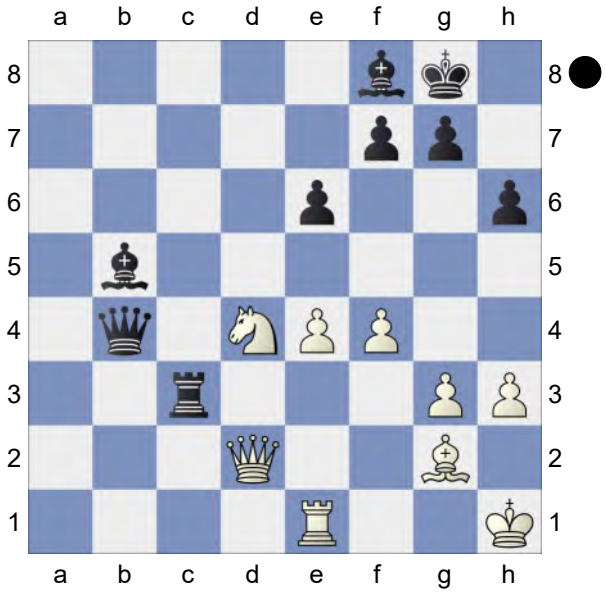


Black is winning. Skewer. Black is clearly winning. **40.Qd2** 12



and Nxb5 would now be decisive. And now Nxb5 would win. **40...Rd3!** 39 Discovered Attack

[Not 40...Rxg3? 1.16/19 40...Rd3 -5.15 41.Qxb4 Bxb4 42.Rb1±]

[40...Rxg3 41.Qxb4 Bxb4 42.Rb1±]

41.Qxb4 44 **Bxb4** 4 **42.Nxb5** 27 **Bxe1** 5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.09 (flawless) Loses game: White=2 --- Mistake: White=3 Black=1 Inaccurate: White=1 Black=3 OK: White=15 Black=14 Best: White=3 Black=5 Strong: --- Black=2. Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.09 (flawless)

0-1

217 **B31**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2734**

■ **Obgolts,Erik** **2403**

Moscow Aeroflot op-A (1) 01.03.2025

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1

29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Qc7 7.h3 d6 8.e5!? 8.Na3 is becoming the main line. A promising side line. 8.Sa3 wird zur Hauptvariante. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8...dxe5** The position is equal. **9.d3 f6N** 0.76/17

[9...c4 10.Nc3 cxd3 0.50/19 *(10...Be6= 0.05/17)* 11.cxd3± Nh6 12.Nxe5! Nf5 13.Bf4 Qb7! 14.Na4 f6 15.Nf3 aiming for g4. 0-0 0-1 Caruana,F (2783)-Gukesh,D (2684) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (8.1)]

[9...c4= 0.19/19]

10.Nc3 0.28/17

[10.Be3± 0.76/17]

10...Nh6= 11.Na4 0.01/20

[11.Be3± 0.47/18]

11...c4 0.74/23 **12.Bxh6**

[12.dxc4 Nf7=]

12...Bxh6 13.d4 exd4 14.Qxd4 0-0 15.Qxc4+ Kh8 16.Nc5 e5 17.Rad1 Bg7 18.Re2 White is much more active. **18...Qb6 19.Qc3 Re8** 1.39/22

[19...a5!± 0.62/18]

20.b3 0.73/20

[⌓20.Red2 1.39/22]

20...Be6 1.91/21

[20...a5± 0.73/20]

21.Nxe6+- Rxe6 22.Rd7 Against Qc7 **22...Rae8** 1.87/20

[22...c5± 1.48/18 23.a4 Qc6]

23.Nd2 Bf8 24.Nc4 Qc5 1.95/20

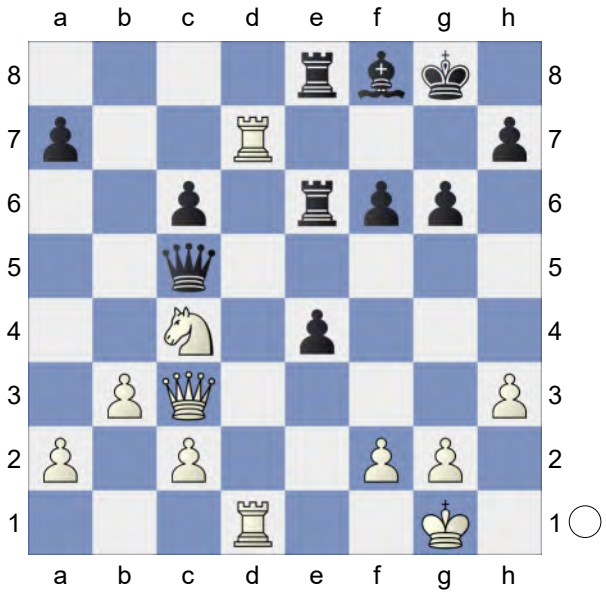
[24...Qa6± 1.34/20]

25.Red2 e4 26.Rd1 1.56/17

[26.Qg3+- 1.96/17]

26...Kg8±

(Diagram)



27.Qg3 R6e7 28.Rd8 1.08/19

[⌓28.a4 1.56/20]

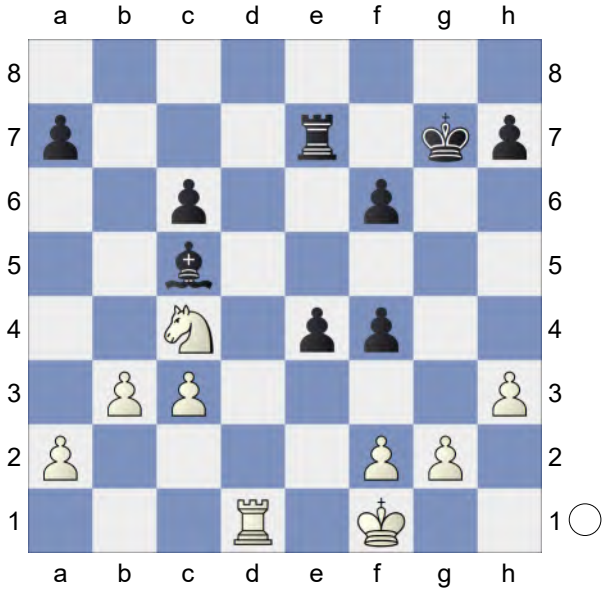
28...Kg7 1.59/20

[⌓28...Rxd8 1.08/19 29.Rxd8 Kg7]

29.R8d4 Rf7 30.Qf4 Qf5 31.Qxf5 gxf5 32.Kf1 f4 33.Rd7 1.14/23

[White should try 33.Ke2 1.50/23]

33...Bc5 34.c3 Ree7 35.Rxe7 A mistake that costs the game. **35...Rxe7** Endgame



KRB-KRN **36.b4! e3 37.fxe3**

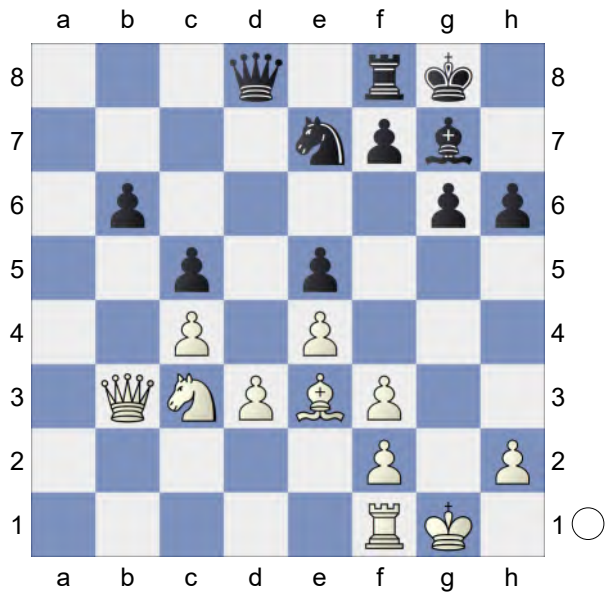
[37.bxc5 e2+ 38.Ke1 exd1B+ *(38...exd1R+? 39.Kxd1 Kg8*

40.Na5-+) 39.Kxd1 Kf7-+]
37...Bxe3 38.Rd3 Kg6? 4.27/20
[38...f5 1.82/20 39.Rd6 c5]
39.Nxe3+- fxe3 KR-KR **40.Ke2 c5 41.Rxe3** White is clearly winning.
[Weaker is 41.bxc5 Re5 42.c6 *(42.Rxe3 Rxc5 43.Kd3 Rd5+ 44.Kc4 Rd7±)* 42...Re6±]
41...Rc7 42.b5 c4 43.Re6 Kf5 44.Rc6 Re7+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.35 **45.Kf3**
1-0

218 **B31**
□ **Ma,Qun** **2648**
■ **Zhu,Jiner** **2507**
CHN-chT DivA (5.4) 10.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

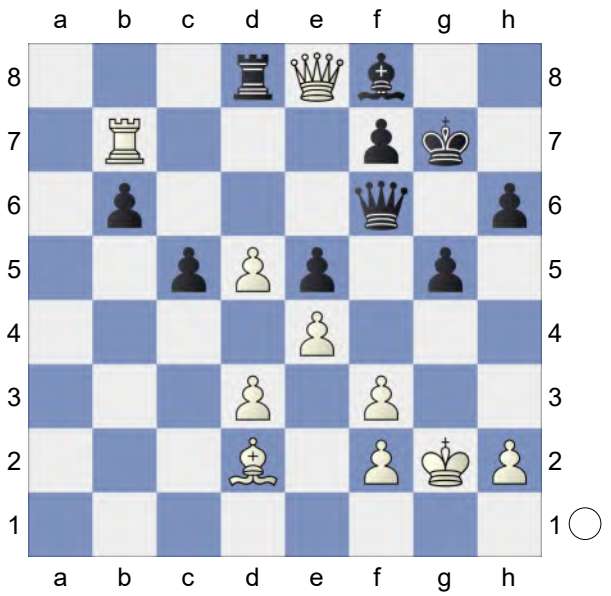
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 e5 6.a3 Nge7 7.b4 d6 8.bxc5!? White has an edge. An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8...dxc5 9.Bg5 Bd7 10.a4N**
[Predecessor: 10.Nbd2 h6 11.Bxc6 -0.13/23 *(11.Bh4* 0.26/19 deserves consideration.*)* 11...Bxc6= 12.Be3 b6 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.a4 0-0 Threatens to win with ...f5. 15.Re1 f5 16.Bd2 fxe4 17.dxe4 0-1 Matinian,N (2407)-Niemann,H (2706) Kazakhstan Cup 2023 (4)]
10...0-0 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.c4 h6 13.Be3 b6 14.Nc3 Bd7 15.a5 Bg4 0.78/21
[15...Rb8± 0.38/20]
16.axb6± axb6 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.Qb3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qd8 1.35/23
[Better is 19...Rb8 0.78/22]

(Diagram)



20.Nd5 0.60/20 White is more active.
[White should try 20.Rb1!± 1.35/23]
20...Nxd5± **21.cxd5** White leaves nothing to chance now. **21...Qf6** 1.04/26
[21...Qc7± 0.59/24]
22.Kg2± Rd8 2.16/24
[22...Rb8± 0.99/25]
23.Ra1 Kh7 2.65/26
[⌓23...Bf8 1.79/23 24.Qb5 h5]
24.Ra7+- Bf8? 4.52/25
[24...Rb8 2.29/24 was called for. 25.d6 Kg8]
25.Rb7 Rd6 26.Qb5 White is clearly winning. **26...Kg7** 7.94/25
[⌓26...Kg8 4.73/23 27.Rb8 Rd8 28.Rxb6 *(28.Qxb6 Qxb6 29.Rxb6 Ra8+-)* 28...Qe7]
27.Qe8 And now Bxh6+! would win.
27...g5 28.Bd2 Rd8

(Diagram)



29.Rxf7+!! D e f l e c t i o n **29...Qxf7**
30.Qxd8 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **30...Qf6 31.Qc7+ Kg6 32.Bc3 Bd6 33.Qxb6 h5 34.h3 Qe7 35.Qc6 Kg7 36.Qc8 Qf6 37.Qe8 h4 38.Ba5 Qf7 39.Qxf7+ Kxf7 40.Bd8 Kg6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.88 **41.Kf1**
1-0

219 **B31**
□ **Adams,Michael** **2751**
■ **Eljanov,P.** **2759**
Sharjah Grand Prix 2017 (3.2) 20.02.17
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Bf4 Nh5 9.Bh2 Bh6 Wards off Qd2 **10.Ne5 f6 11.Ng4 Bg7 12.Qd2**

[12.Ne3!?]

12...e5 13.0-0-0 -0.76/20

[13.Ne3= -0.07/19]

13...a5 -0.36/20

[13...Be6∓ -0.76/20]

14.Ne2 -0.89/21

[14.Qe3∓ -0.36/20]

14...a4 15.Kb1 Kh8 -0.18/21

[Black should play 15...Be6∓ -0.75/20]

16.Ne3 -0.71/20

[16.f3= -0.18/21 keeps the balance.]

16...Bh6 -0.31/20

[16...Qc7∓ -0.71/20]

17.Qc3 -1.05/21

[17.f3∓ -0.31/20]

17...Qe7!∓ 18.Rhf1 -1.52/22

[White should try 18.Bg1 -0.75/20]

18...Bg7 -0.06/23

[18...Nf4∓ -1.52/22 19.Rfe1 Nxe2 20.Rxe2 b5]

19.Qd2 f5 20.exf5 a3! 21.b3 gxf5 Threatens to win with ...f4. **22.g4! fxg4** 1.23/23

[22...Nf6= 0.01/22]

23.hxg4± Nf6 1.61/22

[23...Nf4± 0.87/22]

24.f3+- Nd5 2.08/21

[24...Be6± 1.18/20]

25.Ng3! Qg5 26.Rde1 Qh6? 4.46/22

[26...b5 1.94/21 keeps fighting. 27.Ne4 Qe7]

27.Nh5 e4 28.Nxg7

[28.fxe4? Nc3+-+]

28...Qxg7 29.Nd1 Prevents Qb2+ **29...e3 30.Rxe3**

[30.Nxe3? Qb2#]

[30.Qc1 Bxg4 31.Bd6 *(31.fxg4? Rxf1* D e f l e c t i o n *32.Rxf1 e2-+)* 31...Rxf3 *(31...Bxf3 32.c4∓)* 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.Rxe3 Nxe3 34.Qxe3 Qf7-+ *(34...Bxd1? 35.Be5+-* Pin *)*]

30...Nxe3 31.Qxe3 Kg8

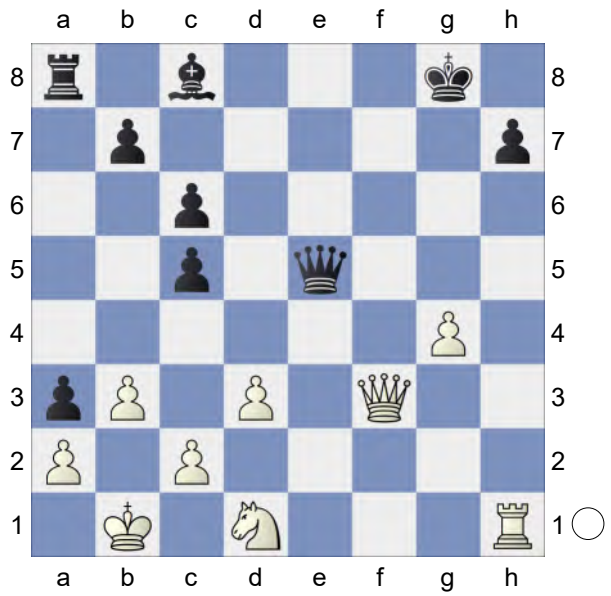
[31...Bxg4? 32.Be5 *(32.Qxc5 Rae8∓)* 32...Rf6 33.Rg1+- *(33.fxg4 Rxf1 34.Bxg7+ Kxg7+-; 33.Qxc5 Bf5+-)*]

32.Be5

[32.Qxc5 Re8± *(32...Bxg4? 33.Be5+-)*]

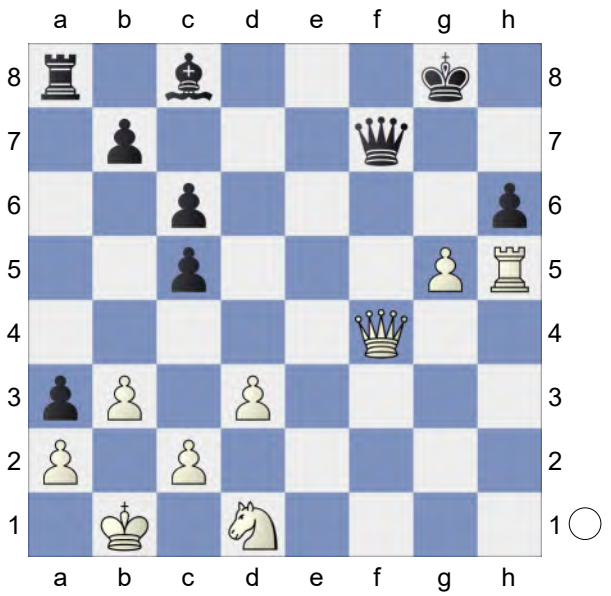
32...Qe7 33.Rh1 And now Rh5 would win. **33...Rxf3 34.Qxf3 Qxe5**

(Diagram)



35.Rh5! Skewer **35...Qg7** 5.59/27
[35...Qe7 2.09/29 is tougher. 36.Qg3 Bd7]
36.Qf4 2.52/26
[36.Rxc5 Bxg4 37.Qe3 h6-+ *(37...Bxd1? 38.Rg5+-* Pin *)*]
[⌓36.Qe3 5.59/27 h6 *(36...Bxg4? 37.Rg5+-* Pin *)* 37.g5 *(37.Rxc5 Bxg4 38.Nc3 Rf8∓; 37.Qxh6 Qxh6 38.Rxh6 Kg7±; 37.Rxh6 Bd7+-; 37.Qxc5 Bxg4 38.Qc4+ Kh8∓)*]
36...h6? 4.16/26
[36...Bxg4? 37.Rg5 *(37.Rxc5?* too greedy. *Rf8-+)* 37...Bxd1 38.Rxg7+ Kxg7 39.Qg5+ Kf7 40.Kc1+- *(40.Qxc5 Bg4+-)*]
[36...Kh8 2.52/26 37.Rg5 *(37.Rxc5 Be6=)* 37...Qe7]
37.g5
[37.Rxc5 Bxg4 38.Nc3 Be6-+]
[37.Qxh6 Qxh6 38.Rxh6 Kg7=]
37...Qf7

(Diagram)



38.Qh4 0.01/24
[Only move: 38.Qxf7+!+- 2.89/28 Kxf7 39.Rxh6 *(39.gxh6 Bg4±)*]
38...Qf3=
[38...Qf1 simplifies 39.Kc1 Qh3 40.Qxh3 Bxh3 41.Rxh3 hxg5 42.Rg3 Kf7]
39.Nf2⇄ White is fighting back **39...Qe2** (→ ...Qf1+) **40.Kc1 Qe1+ 41.Nd1 Qxh4** Remove Defender **42.Rxh4 hxg5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.55 **43.Rh5**
½-½

220 **B30**
□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2533**
■ **Supi,Luis Paulo** **2582**
FIDE World Cup (1.4) 01.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.Bxc6N

[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.b3 d6! is currently scoring better than 6…Ng6. wohl besser als 6...Sg6. **7.Bb2** -0.01/22

[7.e5!± 0.46/24]

7...e5 8.Nbd2 The position is equal.

8...Ng6 9.h4 h5 10.Nc4 f6 11.Ne3N

[Vorgänger: 11.Qd2 -0.66/24 11.Ne3 -0.19 Nf4 12.g3 Ne6! 13.0-0 d5 14.Ne3 Nd4 15.Qd1! Be6 16.c3 Nb5 17.Qc2 ½-½ Nguyen,J (2163)-Lopez,R (2268) Noblesville Snow Memorial 2022 (3)]

11...d5 12.g3 Be6 13.Qe2 Bd6 14.0-0 -0.74/21

[14.Nd2= -0.14/26]

14...Kf7 15.Ne1 Qd7 16.N1g2 Rae8 -0.12/20

[16...Nf4!∓ -1.08/22 17.gxf4 exf4]

17.Rae1 -0.64/23

[17.f3= -0.12/20]

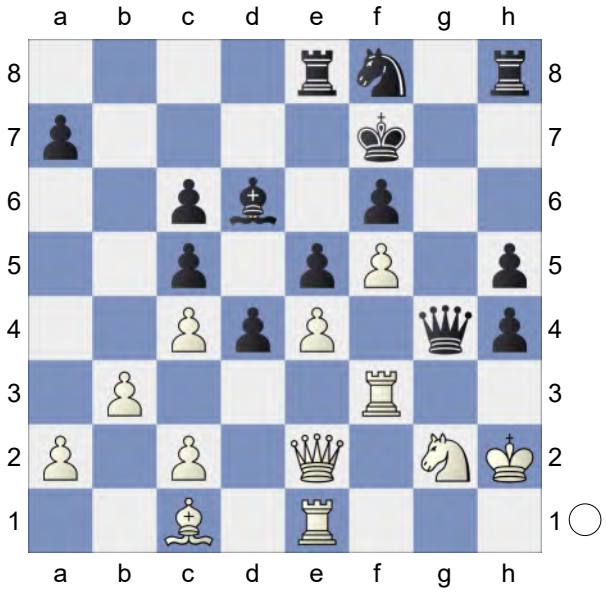
17...d4 0.17/22

[17...Nf4∓ -0.64/23 18.gxf4 exf4]

18.Nc4= Bxc4 19.dxc4 Qh3 20.Bc1 Prevents Nf4 **20...Nf8 21.f4 Qxg3 22.f5** Prevents Ng6 **22...g5** 0.43/27

[22...Qg4= 0.01/31]

23.Rf3± Qg4 24.Kh2 gxh4



25.Nxh4! Rg8! The board is on fire.

[25...Qxh4+?! 26.Rh3±]

26.Qf2 White has compensation.

26...Qg7 0.65/24

[26...Re7= 0.11/28]

27.Rf1 Ke7

[27...Qg4 28.Qe1=]

28.Rh3 Kd8 29.Nf3 Qf7 30.Rg1 Rg4 31.Rh4 Nd7 1.55/28

[31...Rxg1± 0.53/23 32.Nxg1 Nd7]

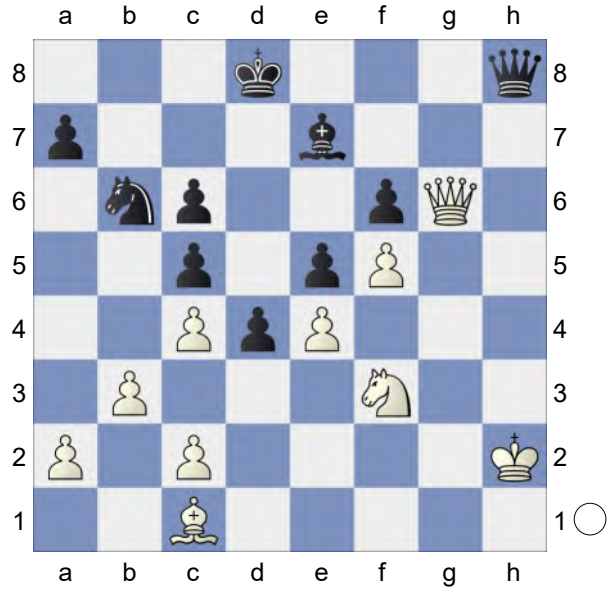
32.Rgxg4± hxg4 33.Rxg4 Rg8 34.Rxg8+ Qxg8 35.Qh4 1.02/27 Prevents Qg4

[⌓35.Qg3 1.52/27 Qf8 36.Qg6]

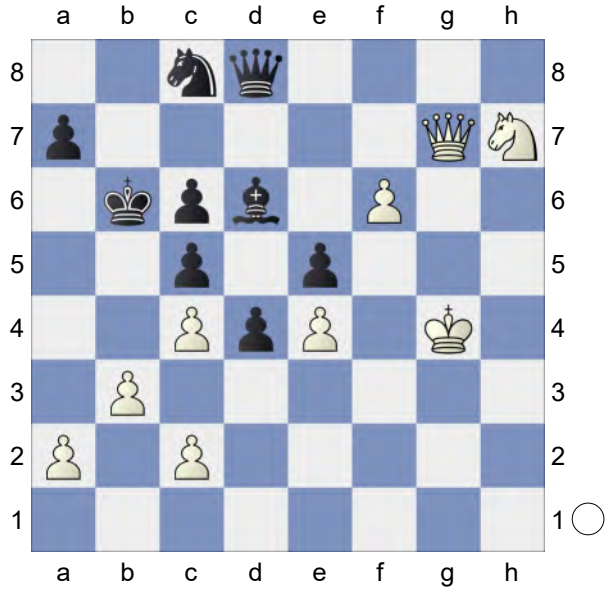
35...Be7 1.45/27

[⌓35...Kc7 1.02/27]

36.Qh5 0.73/28
[⌓36.Bd2 1.45/27]
36...Nb6 1.15/27
[Black should play 36...Kc7 0.73/28]
37.Qg6 0.79/29
[37.Bd2 1.15/27]
37...Qh8+



38.Kg2! Nc8! 39.Bh6 -0.01/27
[39.Bd2± 0.58/26]
39...Bf8!= 40.Bg5 fxg5 41.Nxg5 Kc7
[41...Qh4 42.f6 Qg4+ 43.Kh2 Kc7]
42.f6 -0.43/22
[42.Ne6+= 0.01/22 might be stronger. Kb6 43.Qe8]
42...Kb6 -0.01/24
[42...Qh6!∓ -0.43/22 43.Ne6+ Kd6]
43.Nh7
[43.Nf7!? Qh4□ 44.Nxe5∓]
43...Bd6 44.Kf3 Qd8 0.64/25
[44...Ne7= 0.01/25 45.Qg7 Qc8 *(45...Qxg7 46.fxg7 Bc7 47.Kg4±)* 46.fxe7 Qh3+ 47.Qg3 Qh5+ *(47...Qxh7? 48.e8Q+-)* 48.Qg4 Qh1+ *(48...Qxh7? 49.e8Q+-)* 49.Qg2 Qh5+ 50.Qg4]
45.Qg7 -0.01/26
[45.Kg4!± 0.64/25]
45...Qe8 0.65/25
[45...Ka6= -0.01/26]
46.Kg4 0.01/24
[46.f7± 0.65/25 Qd8 47.f8Q *(47.f8R Qh4=; 47.f8B d3∓; 47.f8N Qh4∓)* 47...Bxf8 48.Nxf8]
46...Qd8 1.16/24
[46...Qe6+= 0.01/24 47.Kg3 Ne7 48.fxe7 Bxe7]



47.Kh5 0.80/23
[⌓47.f7! 1.16/24]
47...Qe8+ 2.58/24
[47...a5± 0.80/23 was necessary.]
48.Kg5? 0.01/20
[48.f7+- 2.58/24 Qe6 49.f8Q *(49.f8R Qh3+ 50.Kg6 Bxf8±; 49.f8N Qh3+ 50.Kg6 Qg2+ 51.Kf7 Qxc2=)* 49...Bxf8 50.Nxf8 Qh3+ 51.Kg6]
48...Qe6 49.Kh4 Qe8 1.04/24
[49...Ne7= 0.01/24 remains equal.]
50.Kg4 0.01/29
[White should play 50.f7± 1.04/24 Qd8+ 51.Kh5]
50...Qe6+ 51.Kg3 Ne7! 52.fxe7 Bxe7 53.Ng5 Bxg5
[53...Qd7 54.Kf2 Qg4 55.Qxe7 Qh4+]
54.Qxg5 Endgame KQ-KQ **54...Qd6**

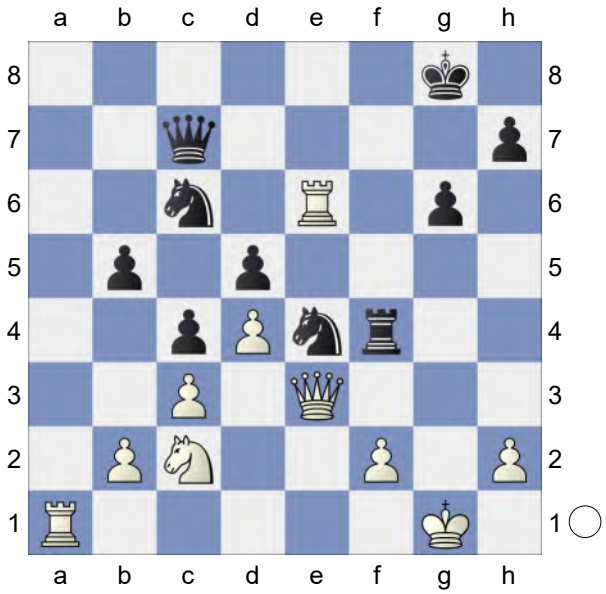
55.Kg4 Kf5 would now be deadly. **55...Qe6+ 56.Kg3 Qd6 57.Kh4 Qe6 58.Qg7 Qd6 59.Kg5** White wants to play Qf6. **59...Qe6** 0.55/27
[59...Qd8+= 0.01/26 60.Kf5 a5 *(60...Qh4 61.Kxe5 Qh2+ 62.Ke6±)*]
60.Qf6 0.01/26
[60.Qh7± 0.55/27]
60...Qg8+ 61.Kf5 Qg2 62.Qd8+ Kb7 1.32/27
[62...Ka6= 0.01/26]
63.Qe7+±
[63.Kxe5?! Qxc2 64.Kd6 Qxe4=]
63...Kb6 64.Qd8+? 0.01/24
[64.Kxe5 Qxc2 65.Kd6 Qh2+ 66.e5 Qh6+ 67.Kd7 d3=]
[64.Qxe5 Qg8±]
[64.b4+- 1.82/26]
64...Kb7= 65.Kxe5 Qxc2 66.Kd6 Qxe4 67.Qc7+ Ka6 ...Qf4+ would now be deadly. **68.Kxc5** Qc8+ would kill now.
[68.Qxc6+? too greedy. Qxc6+ 69.Kxc6 d3 70.Kxc5 d2-+]
68...Qf5+ 69.Kb4 Qe6 70.Qd8
[70.Ka4 keeps more tension. d3 71.b4 Qxc4 72.Qc8+]
70...Kb7 71.Qxd4 Qe7+ 72.c5 Qe1+ 73.Ka4 Qe7 Inhibits Qd7+. **74.Qd6 Qg7 75.b4 Qf7 76.a3 Qe8 77.Ka5 Qf7 78.a4 Qe8 79.b5?** -#2/6
[79.Qd3= 0.01/28]
Both players deserved the win here. Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.27 (precise)
79...Qe1+
0-1

221 **B30**
□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**
■ **Krishnan,V.** **2370**
Titled Tue 1st Jul Late blitz (2) 01.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.d3 g6 0.42/22
[7...d4= 0.02/20]
8.e5 Bg7 9.c3 0-0 White has an edge. **10.d4 Qc7 11.Na3**

[11.dxc5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5∓]
11...b5 1.26/22
[11...cxd4= 0.14/21 keeps the balance. 12.cxd4 f6]
12.Nc2
[12.dxc5 Nxe5 13.Nd4 Qxc5∓]
12...f6 2.06/22
[12...cxd4± 0.92/19 13.cxd4 f6]
13.exf6+-
[13.dxc5 Nxe5 14.Be3 Nf5=]
13...Bxf6 14.Bh6
[14.dxc5 e5]
14...Rf7 15.Ng5 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 c4 2.17/20
[⌓16...cxd4 1.75/21 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 *(18.Qxd4 Bd7±)* 18...Nf5]
17.a4 Rb8 1.89/22
[17...bxa4± 1.49/22 18.Ne3 *(18.Rxa4 Qb6±)* 18...Nf5]
18.axb5 axb5 3.17/20
[18...Rxb5 1.84/21 19.Ne3 h5]
19.Qd2 1.57/21
[19.Ne3+- 3.17/20 has better winning chances.]
19...Nf5 2.94/21
[19...Na5± 1.57/21]
20.Bf4 Nd6 21.g3 Bd7 22.Bh3 Rbf8 4.07/21
[22...Re8 2.67/20 was called for. 23.g4 b4 *(23...Ne4? 24.Rxe4 Qc8 25.Ree1+-)*]
23.Bxe6 Bxe6 24.Rxe6 Rxf4 25.gxf4 Ne4 26.Qe3 Hoping for f3. **26...Rxf4** 7.53/27
[⌓26...Qc8 4.70/23 27.Rxe4 dxe4 28.Qxe4 Qg4+ 29.Kh1 Nd8]

(Diagram)



27.Rxc6! Deflection **27...Rg4+ 28.Kh1 Qxc6 29.f3! Rh4 30.fxe4 Rxe4 31.Qf3 Qe8 32.Rf1 Re2 33.Nb4 Rxb2 34.Nxd5** White mates. **34...Qb8 35.Qf7+ Kh8** White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.82
36.Qf6+
1-0

222 **B31**
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2795**
■ **Kamsky,Gata** **2678**
ch-USA 2016 Saint Louis USA (10.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 d6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Qc7 9.d4 White is slightly better. **9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nf6 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Qc5 Rc8 13.Bf4 Qb7 14.Na4** Excellent horsemanship. **14...0-0** 0.65/21

[14...Nd5= 0.09/22 15.Nd3 Bf5]

15.Qa3 0.02/19 White is more active.

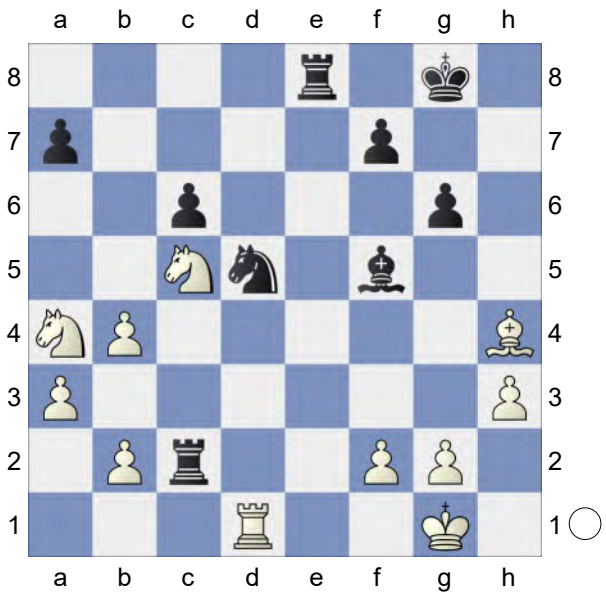
[15.c4± 0.65/21]

15...Qa6= 16.Nd3! Bf5 17.Ndc5

[17.Rxe7 Nd5 18.Nb4 Qa5 19.Nxd5 cxd5-+]

17...Qc4 18.Be5 Rfd8 19.c3 Rd2 20.Qb4 Qxb4 21.cxb4 Rcd8 22.Bc3 Rc2 23.h3 h5 24.a3 h4 25.Rxe7 Nd5 26.Rd1 Ra8 27.Bxg7 Rxd5! is the strong threat. **27...Nxe7 28.Bf6 Nd5↑** Black is pushing. **29.Bxh4 Re8**

(Diagram)



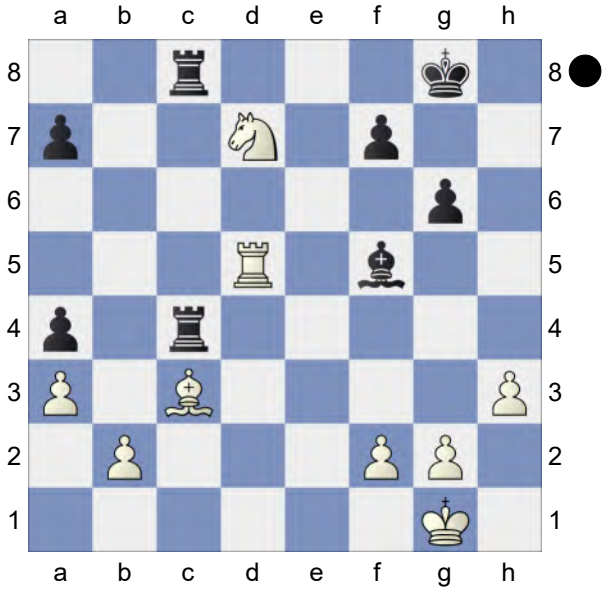
30.b5 -0.51/22 **cxb5** -0.04/21

[30...Nb6!∓ -0.51/22 31.bxc6 Nxa4 32.Nxa4 Rc4 *(32...Rxc6 33.Nc3=)*]

31.Rxd5 bxa4 32.Bf6 Rc4 33.Bc3 -0.85/25

[33.Kh2= -0.05/24 remains equal.]

33...Rc8∓ 34.Nd7



Rxc3! 35.bxc3 Rxc3 36.g4 -2.01/28

[36.Ne5∓ -1.07/25 was worth a try.]

36...Bxd7? -0.01/22

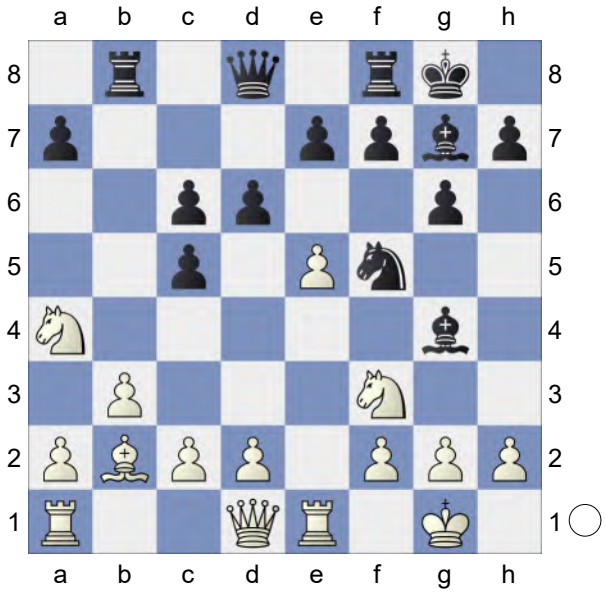
[36...Be6-+ -2.01/28 37.Rd4 Rxa3 *(37...Rxh3 38.Nf6+ Kg7 39.g5=)*]

37.Rxd7= The position is equal.

37...Rxh3 38.Rxa7 Rxa3-+ Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **39.g5 Ra1+ 40.Kg2 Kf8 41.Kf3 a3 42.Kf4 Ra2 43.Kg3 Ke8 44.Kf3 Ra1 45.Kf4 Kd8 46.Rxf7 Rf1 47.Ra7 Rxf2+ 48.Kg3 Ra2 49.Ra6 Ra1 50.Kg2 a2 51.Ra8+ Kc7 52.Ra7+ Kb6 53.Ra8 Kb5 54.Rb8+ Kc4** (→ ...Rb1) **55.Rc8+ Kd3 56.Rd8+ Ke3** (→ ...Rg1+!) **57.Ra8 Kf4 58.Ra5 Kg4 59.Kh2 Kf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless) **60.Ra3+**
½-½

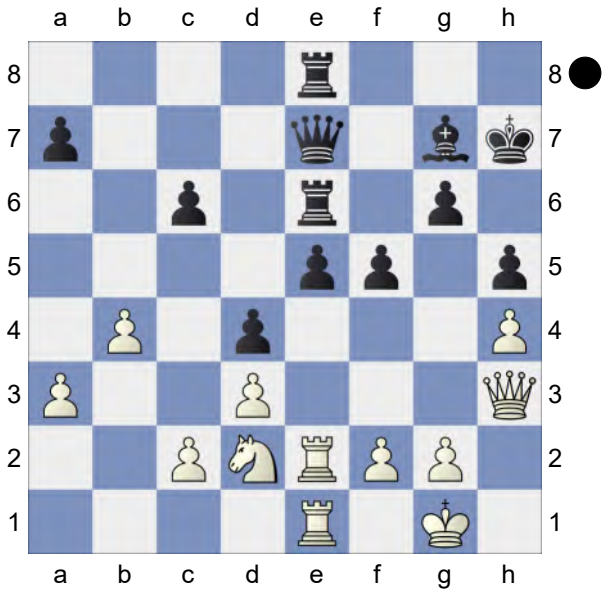
223 **B31**
□ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2718**
■ **Yu Yangyi** **2715**
50th Capablanca Mem Elite (6.1) 21.6.15
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975) 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Rb8 7.e5 Nh6 8.Nc3 0-0 White has an edge. **9.Na4 d6 10.b3 Bg4 11.Bb2 Nf5**



12.h3 -0.31/18
[12.exd6= 0.13/24 is superior. exd6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3]
12...Bxf3∓ 13.Qxf3 Nd4↑ Black has some pressure. **14.Bxd4 cxd4 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Nb2 e5 17.Nc4 Qc5 18.Re2 f5 19.Rae1 Rbe8** -0.27/22
[19...e4∓ -0.75/25 20.Qf4 Rbe8]
20.d3= Re6 21.b4 -0.62/23 **Qe7∓ 22.a3 h5 23.h4** -0.89/24 **Kh7**
[23...Qxh4 24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5

Rxe5 26.Rxe5±]
24.Qh3! Re8 -0.01/21
[24...e4∓ -0.72/24 aiming for ...e3!. 25.dxe4 fxe4]
25.Nd2 -1.04/23
[25.Nxe5= -0.01/21 remains equal. Bxe5 *(25...Rxe5 26.Rxe5 Bxe5 27.f4=)* 26.f4]

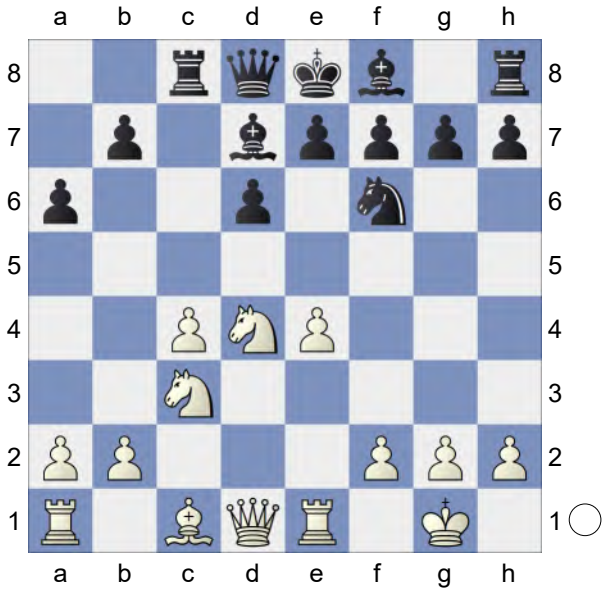


25...Qd6 -0.23/23
[25...c5!∓ -1.04/23 26.Nf3 Bf6 *(26...cxb4 27.Ng5+ Kh6 28.Nxe6±)*]
26.g3 Bf6 27.Qg2 Kg7 28.Nb3 Kf7 29.Nc5 R6e7 30.Nb3 Qd5 31.Na5 Re6 32.Nc4 e4 33.Nd2! e3
[33...exd3 simplifies 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.Rxe6 Kxe6 36.cxd3 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Be7]
34.Qxd5 cxd5 35.Nf3 Rc8 36.Kf1 exf2 37.Kxf2 Ra6 38.Ng5+ Bxg5! 39.hxg5 Rxa3= Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **40.Kf3**
[40.Re7+ Kf8±]
40...Rc7 Against Re7+ **41.Re6! Ra2 42.Rf6+ Kg7 43.Ree6 Raxc2 44.Rxg6+ Kf8! 45.Rgf6+** 0.35/26
[45.Ref6+± 0.93/27 Rf7 46.Kf4]
45...Kg7± 46.Rg6+ -0.01/25
[46.Rxf5 R7c3 47.Kf4 *(47.Rxd5 Rxd3+ 48.Kf4 Rf2+ 49.Ke5 Re2+ 50.Kd6 Rxe6+ 51.Kxe6 Kg6∓)* 47...Rxd3 48.Re7+ *(48.Rxd5 Rf2+ 49.Ke5 Re3+ 50.Kd6 Rxg3∓)* 48...Kg8=]
[46.Kf4± 0.77/27]
46...Kf8= 47.Rh6 White has strong compensation. **47...Re7?** 6.14/28
[47...Kg7± 0.99/25 48.Rhg6+ *(48.Rxh5 R7c3±)*]
48.Rhf6+? 0.83/30
[48.Rxe7+- 6.14/28 and White stays clearly on top. Kxe7 49.Rxh5]
48...Rf7± 49.Rh6 0.01/21
[Better is 49.Kf4± 0.53/26 Rxf6 50.Rxf6+ Kg7 51.Ra6 *(51.Kxf5 Rf2+ 52.Ke5* Discovered Attack *Rb2=)* 51...Rf2+ 52.Ke5]
49...Re7!= 50.Rh8+ White is clearly winning.
[50.Rhf6+ Rf7±]
50...Kf7 51.Rxe7+
[51.Rf6+? Kg7-+]
51...Kxe7+- KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.
52.Rh7+
[52.Rxh5 Rc3±]
52...Ke6 53.Rxa7 g6 is the strong threat. **53...Rb2 54.Ra6+ Kf7 55.g6+ Kg7 56.Kf4 Kh6 57.Kxf5 Rf2+ 58.Ke5 Rf3 59.Kxd4**
[59.Kxd5 Rxd3 60.b5 Rxg3=]
59...Rxg3 60.b5
[60.Kxd5 Rxd3+ 61.Kc4 Rd2=]
60...h4 61.Ra1
[Inferior is 61.Kxd5 h3 62.Ra1 Kxg6=]
61...Rxg6 62.Rb1
[62.Kxd5 Kh5 63.Kc5 *(63.Rh1 Rg2±)* 63...Rg5+ 64.Kc4 h3+-]
62...Rg8 63.b6
[Not 63.Kxd5 Rd8+ 64.Kc4 Rc8+ 65.Kd4 Rd8+ 66.Kc4 Rc8+ 67.Kb4

Rd8±]
63...Rb8 64.b7 Kg5 65.Kxd5 h3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.31 **66.Ke4?** 0.03/34 Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
[66.d4+- 9.02/20 h2 67.Kc6]
1-0

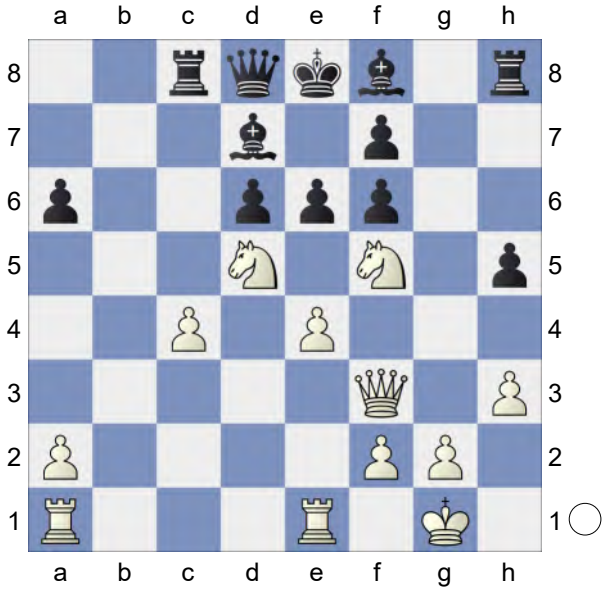
224 **B51**
□ **Anand,Viswanathan** **2793**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2775**
6th London CC Elite Blitz 2014 (3.1)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 a6 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Rc8 9.c4 Nf6 10.Nc3 Bd7 1.03/21
[10...g6± 0.40/22]

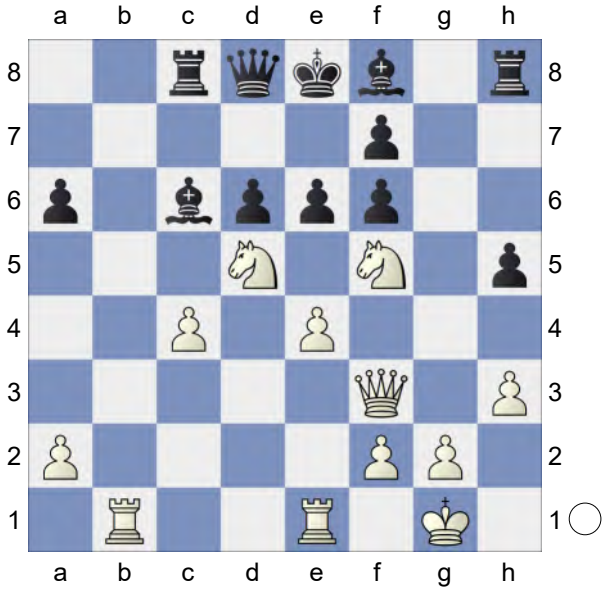


11.b3 0.63/21
[11.Bg5!± 1.03/21]
11...b5 1.59/22 **12.Bg5±** White is more active. **12...bxc4?** 2.62/21
[12...e6± 1.00/21]
13.Nd5? 0.88/18
[13.Bxf6+- 2.62/21 gxf6 14.Nd5]
13...h6? 4.24/23
[13...Nxd5± 0.88/18 is tougher. 14.exd5 c3]
14.Bxf6+- gxf6 15.Qf3 h5 16.h3 1.69/19
[⌓16.Nf5 4.06/20 c3 17.Rac1 *(17.Nxc3 Bc6±)*]
16...Bh6? 4.22/22
[16...c3 1.69/19 might work better. 17.Rac1 *(17.Nxc3 e6±)* 17...Bh6]

17.Nf5 Excellent horsemanship.
[Weaker is 17.Qxh5 e6±]
17...Bf8 7.01/21
[17...c3 2.90/23 18.Nfxe7 *(18.Ndxe7 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 Bd2±)* 18...Qxe7]
18.bxc4 e6



19.Rab1! Bc6



20.Qc3! Rh6
[20...Bh6 21.Nxf6+]
21.Nxh6 Bxh6 22.Nxf6+ Ke7

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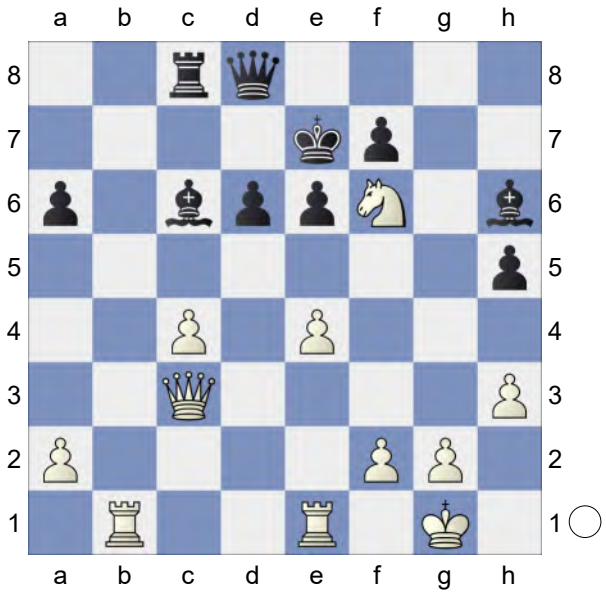
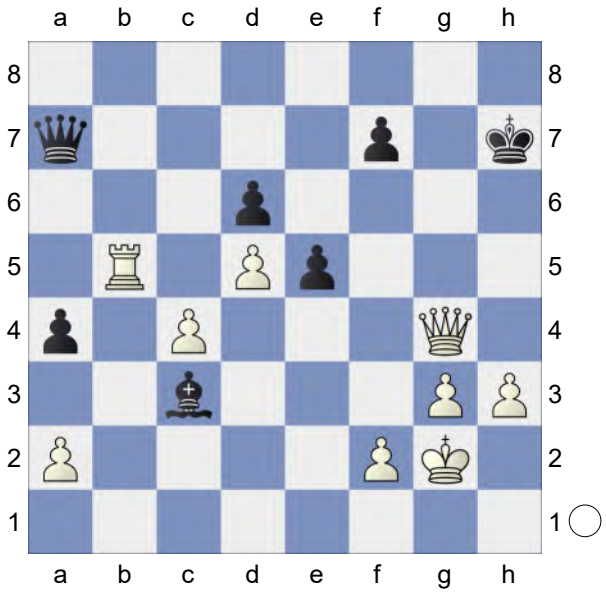


23.Nd5+! Bxd5
[23...Ke8 24.Qh8+]
24.exd5 e5 25.Rb7+ Kf8 26.Qf3 Rc7 27.Reb1 Qe7 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Qxh5 Endgame KQR-KQB **29...Kg7 30.Qg4+ Kh7 31.g3 a5 32.Rb3 a4 33.Rb4 Qa7 34.Kg2 Bd2 35.Rb5** aiming for c5!.
35...Bc3

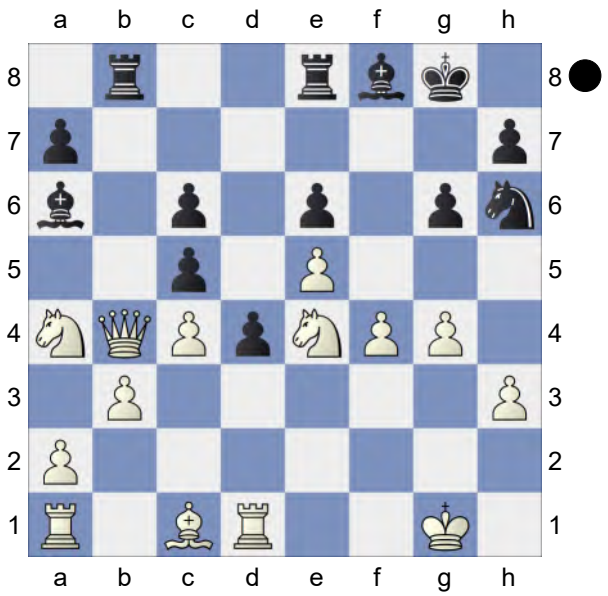


36.c5! dxc5 37.d6 Bd4 38.Qe4+ Kg7 39.Rb7 Qa6 White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=1.12 **40.Qg4+**
1-0

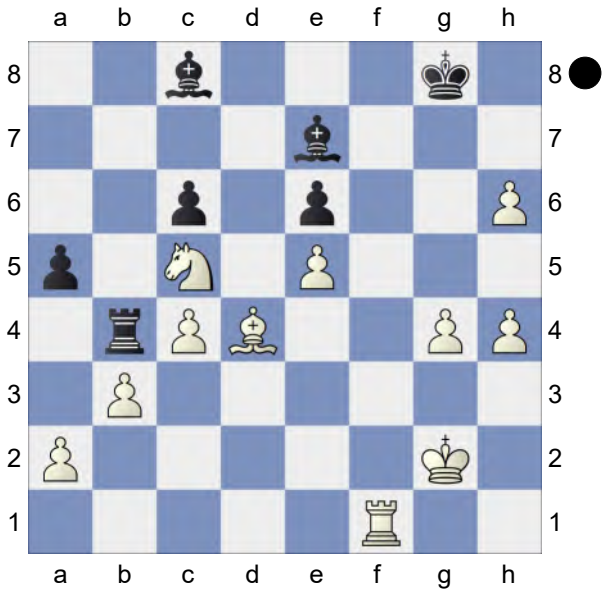
225 **B30**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2797**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2767**
Nakamura vs Aronian Blitz (10) 25.11.14
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nh4 f6 7.Qe2 0.25/20
[7.0-0± 0.85/18]
7...g6 0.63/22
[7...d5= 0.25/20]
8.0-0 Bg7 9.c4 -0.31/21 White is more active.
[9.f4± 0.75/20]
9...0-0 0.22/21
[9...g5!∓ -0.31/21 10.Qh5+ Kf8]
10.f4= d6 11.Nc3 f5 1.15/21
[11...h6= 0.22/19]
12.Nf3± fxe4 13.dxe4 Ba6 14.e5 0.24/22
[White should play 14.Bd2± 1.35/20]
14...Nf5= 15.Rd1 Prevents Nd4 White now steadily converts the win. **15...Qb6** 1.13/23
[15...d5± 0.31/22]
16.Na4±
[16.exd6 Nd4 17.Qd3 Rad8=]
16...Qb4 17.b3 d5 2.89/22
[17...dxe5 1.68/21 is a better defense. 18.fxe5 Rad8]
18.Bd2+- Qa3 19.Qf2 d4? 4.26/21
[19...Nd4 2.28/19 20.cxd5 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 cxd5]
20.Qe1
[Not 20.g4 Ne3±]
20...Rfd8 5.02/21
[⌓20...h5 3.44/20 21.Ng5 Rfe8]
21.Ng5 White is clearly winning.
21...Re8 22.Ne4 Bf8 23.g4 Nh6 24.h3 Rab8 25.Bc1 Qb4 26.Qxb4

(Diagram)



Remove Defender **26...Rxb4 27.Naxc5** A dynamic duo of knights. **27...Bc8 28.Rxd4 Kg7 29.Be3 Nf7 30.Rad1 g5 31.Nd6 Rd8 32.Nxf7 Rxd4 33.Bxd4 Kxf7 34.fxg5 a5 35.Rf1+ Kg8 36.h4 Be7 37.Kg2 h6 38.gxh6**



Bxh4 39.Be3 And now g5 would win. **39...a4 40.g5 axb3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.83 **41.axb3 1-0**

226 **B31**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2548**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (4.4) 18.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

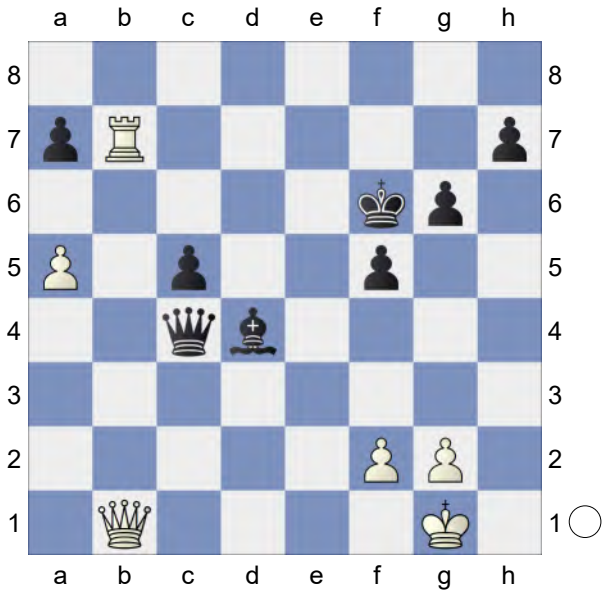
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Issy les Moulineaux 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* Hanke,L (2709)-10.Bc2 c5 11.Nbd2_15267 (2728) corr ICCF 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879] 1-0 (72)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 1-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/Van Kempen] 1-0 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 (30) 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 10.Bg5-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/

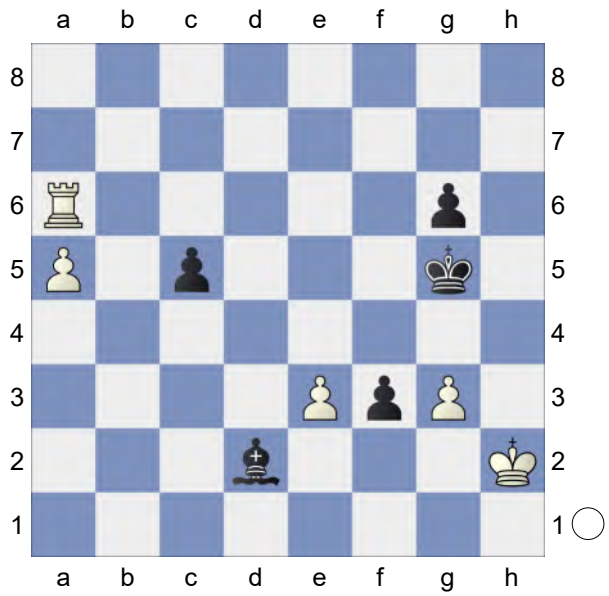
Van Kempen]]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.d3 e5 6.a3 Nge7 7.b4 d6 8.bxc5 The position is equal. **8...dxc5 9.Bg5 Bd7 10.a4 0-0 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.c4 f5** ...Rad8 is the strong threat. **14.Nc3 Bh6 15.Re1 Rf7 16.Nd5 Qd6 17.Ra2 Raf8 18.a5 Bxd5** 1.23/18
[18...Bg7= 0.26/18 remains equal.]
19.exd5 0.79/22
[⌓19.cxd5 1.23/18 Rc8 20.Qb3]
19...Re7 20.Rae2 Rfe8 21.Qb1 Qc7 22.h4 Kf8 1.14/19
[Better is 22...Bg7 0.72/19]
23.Qa1 Bg7 24.Ng5 Prevents e4. **24...Bf6** 1.12/21
[⌓24...Kg8 0.72/19]
25.Ne6+ 0.50/21
[25.Rb1± 1.12/21]
25...Rxe6± 26.dxe6 Rxe6 27.Qb2 0.10/20
[27.Qa3± 0.63/19]
27...Bxh4= 28.Rb1
[Don't play 28.Rxe5 Bf6 29.d4 Bxe5 30.dxe5 Qxa5∓]
28...Re7 0.62/22
[28...b6!= 0.01/23]
29.Qa3 0.16/20
[29.Qc1± 0.62/22 is more appropriate. Bf6 30.Reb2]
29...Qd6 30.Rb5 Rc7 1.06/22
[30...e4= 0.04/21 31.Qxc5 Qxd3]
31.Qb2 Bf6 32.Rxb7 0.46/21
[32.Qb3± 0.96/22]
32...e4!± 33.Rb8+ Kg7 34.Qb1 exd3 35.Rd2 Bd4 36.Rxd3 Qe6 37.Rdb3 aiming for R8b7. **37...Qxc4?** 3.20/26 This costs Black the game.
[Black should try 37...Kf6!± 0.52/22]
38.R8b7+- Rxb7 39.Rxb7+ Endgame KQR-KQB **39...Kf6**

(Diagram)



40.Qe1! Kg5 41.Rxh7 Qc2? 7.40/23
[41...a6 3.83/20 42.g3 Qc3 43.Qe7+ Bf6]
42.g3 White wants to mate with Qe7+.
42...f4 43.Qe7+? 2.41/5
[43.gxf4+ 8.09/24 Kg4 44.Kg2]
43...Bf6 44.Qe6 Threatening mate with gxf4+. White is clearly winning. **44...Qd1+ 45.Kg2** gxf4+ would kill now. **45...f3+ 46.Kh2** Threatens to win with Rh4. **46...Qe2 47.Qe3+ Qxe3 48.fxe3 a6 49.Ra7 Bc3** 9.00/25
[⌓49...Bd8 5.04/21 50.Rxa6 Bc7]
50.Rxa6 Bd2

(Diagram)

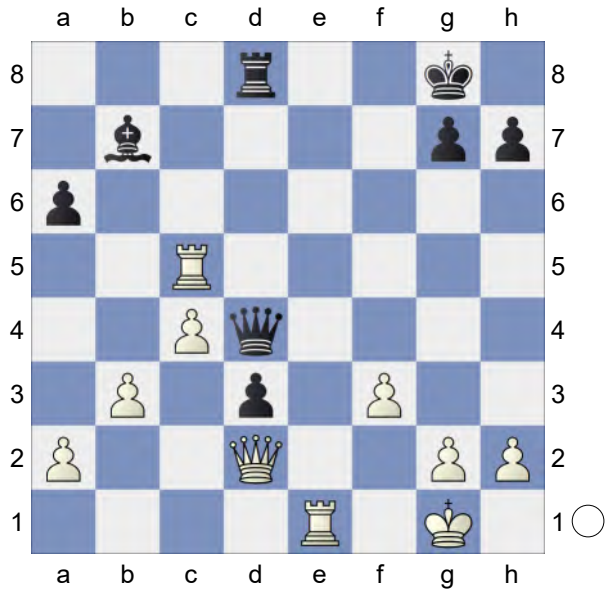


51.Rxg6+!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

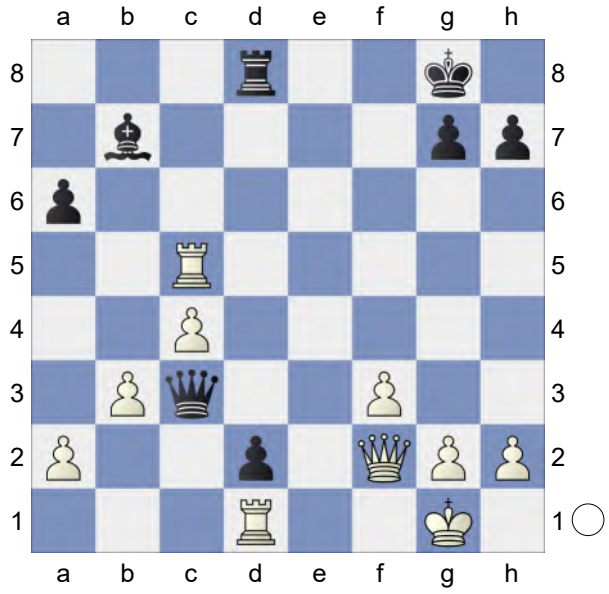
227 **B30**
□ **Sanal,Vahap** **2590**
■ **Kovacevic,Aleksandar** **2495**
Belgrade Gligoric Trophy Gp-C rapid (3)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.d3 0-0 11.Nbd2 a5 12.Nc4 b5 13.Nd6 Ba6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rc1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd6 0-1 Mahalakshmi,M (2210)-Klepikov,N (2063) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (3)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer, A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]
5...a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Be7 9.c4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **9...0-0 10.Nc3 b6N** The position is equal.
[Vorgänger: 10...d6 11.Be3 Bd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.b3 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 b5 15.cxb5 axb5 16.Red1 Qa5 17.Qd2 -0.52/23 *(17.e5=* -0.09/26) 17...b4∓ 18.Ne2 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Rc8 20.Rxc8+ Bxc8 ½-½ (63) Hollan,P (2285)-Skliarov,V (2387) Chess.com INT 2021]
11.b3 Bb7 12.Bb2 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Nd5! would now be deadly. **13...Bc5** A strong pair of Bishops. **14.Qd2 f5** and ...fxe4 would now be decisive **15.Na4 Bxe4** 0.72/24
[15...fxe4= 0.00/23 keeps the balance. 16.Bd4 *(16.Nxc5 bxc5 17.Qd6 Qg5∓)* 16...Qe7]
16.Nxc5± bxc5 17.f3→ White goes for the king. **17...Bb7** 1.23/22
[⌓17...Bc6 0.77/21]
18.Rad1 White is more active. This costs

Black the game. **18...d5** 3.53/25
[18...Bc6± 1.03/22]
19.Rxe6+- d4 20.Rde1 Qh4? 5.03/21
[20...Rf6 2.97/22 was worth a try. 21.R6e5 Rc8]
21.Ba3 White is clearly winning.
21...Rac8 22.R6e5 d3 23.Bxc5 Rfd8 24.Rxf5 Rxc5 25.Rxc5 Qd4+



26.Qf2! d2 27.Rd1 Qc3



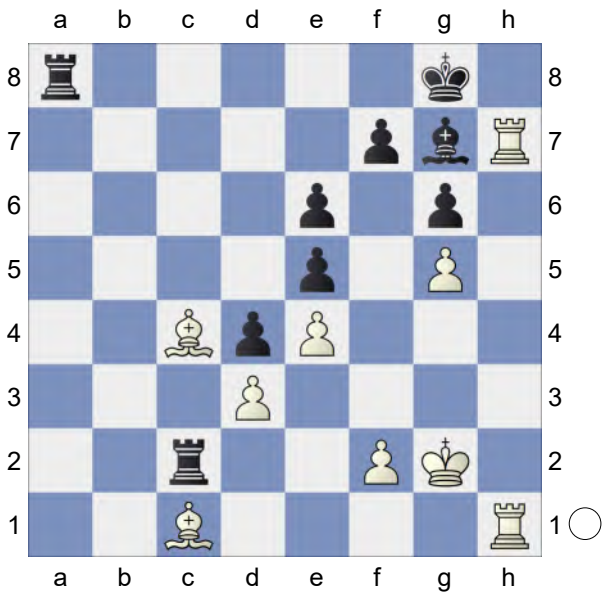
28.Rd5! Bxd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.61
29.Qxd2! Pin
1-0

228 **B51**
□ **Grischuk,A.** **2785**
■ **Bu Xiangzhi** **2683**
World Teams 2013 (3.4) 28.11.2013
[Kitty Kat]

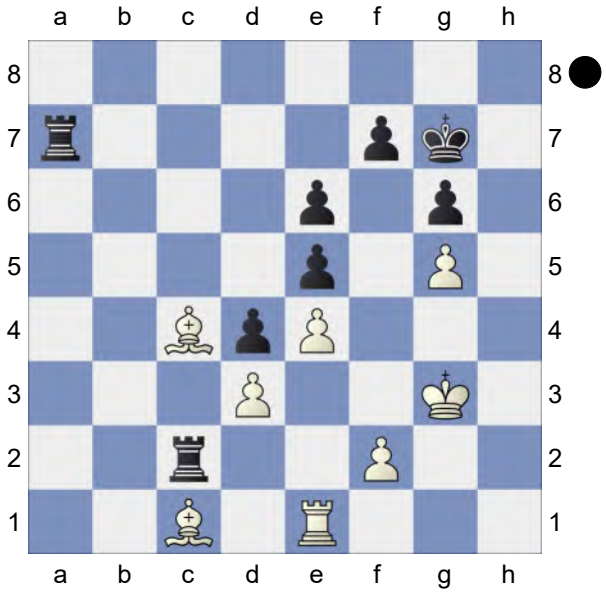
B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 g6 10.d3 Bg7 11.Qd1 Nd7 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nf3

White is slightly better. **13...Nde5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Be3 b6 16.a3 a5 17.Qa4 Qd7 18.Be2 Rfb8 19.Bd1 e6 20.Qb5** Black should prevent Ba4. **20...Qc7 21.Rc1 Qd6 22.Bc2 h5 23.g4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Ne7** 0.69/22
[24...Na7= 0.09/23 25.Qc4 Qe7]
25.Kg2± White is more active. **25...Qc6 26.Qxc6 Nxc6 27.Rh1 a4 28.Rh3 Ra7 29.g5 Rd8 30.Rch1 Kf8 31.Rh7 Rdd7 32.Kf1 Rd8 33.Ke2 Rdd7 34.Bd2 Kg8 35.Bc1 Kf8 36.b4** 0.01/24
[36.Kd1± 0.66/23]
36...axb3= 37.Bxb3 Kg8 38.a4 Rdb7 39.Be3 b5 The position is equal. **40.axb5 Rxb5 41.Bc4 Rb2+ 42.Kf3 Nd4+! 43.cxd4 cxd4 44.Bc1**
[44.Bxd4 simplifies exd4 45.Kg3 Ra3 46.R7h2]
44...Rc2 45.Kg2 Ra8!
[45...Rxc1? 46.Rxg7+ Kxg7 47.Rxc1+-]
46.Bb3 Rc3
[46...Rxc1? 47.Rxg7+ Kxg7 48.Rxc1+-]
47.Bc4 Rc2
[Avoid the trap 47...Rxc1? 48.Rxg7+ Kxg7 49.Rxc1+-]

(Diagram)



48.Rxg7+! Kxg7 49.Re1 Ra7! 50.Bb3 Rc3 51.Bc4 Rc2 Against Bd2 **52.Kg3**

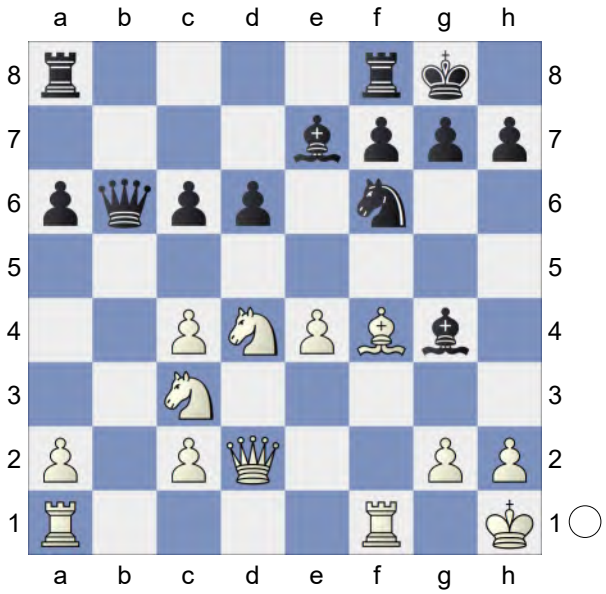


f4 is the strong threat. **52...Rb7**
[52...Ra1!? 53.Bd2□ Rxe1 54.Bxe1 Rc1=]
53.Kh3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
53...Rb6
[But not 53...Rxf2?! 54.Ba3±]
½-½

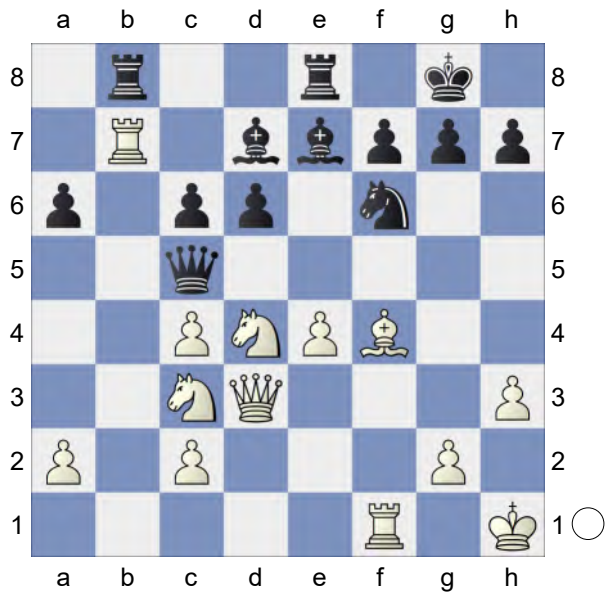
229 **B30**
□ **Carlsen,M.** **2837**
■ **Demchenko,Yaroslav** **2286**
Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (2)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.d3 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Ne1 The position is equal.
8...Be7 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 0-0 11.Nf3 Bg4 0.45/18
[11...Nh5= 0.00/19 12.Bd2 h6]
12.Qd2 -0.41/19
[12.h3!± 0.45/18 Bh5 13.b3]
12...c4 0.58/19
[12...Nh5∓ -0.41/19]
13.dxc4± Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Qxb2 15.Nd4 0.50/21
[White should play 15.Rab1± 0.89/23 Qa3 16.Rb7]
15...Qb6 0.98/22
[15...Bd7± 0.50/21]



16.Rab1!± Qc5 1.64/23
[16...Qc7± 1.15/23 was worth a try.]
17.Rb7? -0.27/24
[17.Na4+- 1.64/23 Qxc4 18.Nb6]
17...Rfe8 18.h3 -0.51/22
[18.Qd3= -0.07/21]
18...Bd7 0.75/21
[18...Qxc4∓ -0.51/22 keeps the upper hand. 19.Qd3 Qxd3 20.cxd3 Bd7]
19.Qd3 and Be3 should not be overlooked. White has more active pieces. A mistake that costs the game.
19...Rab8? 3.30/22
[19...Rad8± 0.47/20]

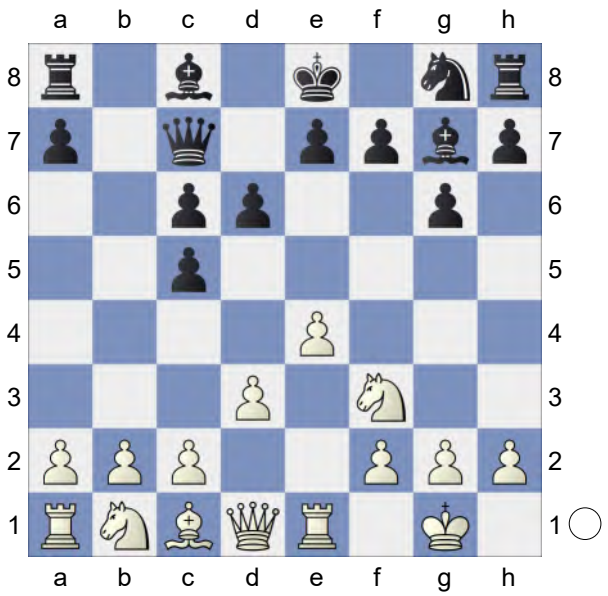


20.Nb3+- Qa3 21.Rxb8
[21.Bc1 Qxc1 22.Nxc1 *(22.Rxb8 Qg5+-)* 22...Rxb7±]
21...Rxb8 22.c5 Ne8 6.28/20
[22...Rxb3 2.94/21 23.axb3 *(23.cxb3 Qxc5 24.Qe3 Qxe3±)* 23...Qxc5]
23.cxd6 White is clearly winning.
[Not 23.Rd1 Rxb3 24.cxb3 Qxc5±]
23...Bxd6 24.Bxd6 Nxd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.95
25.Rd1
1-0

230 **B31**
□ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2628**
■ **Razafindratsima,Timothe** **2451**
Spilimbergo op 21st (8) 14.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

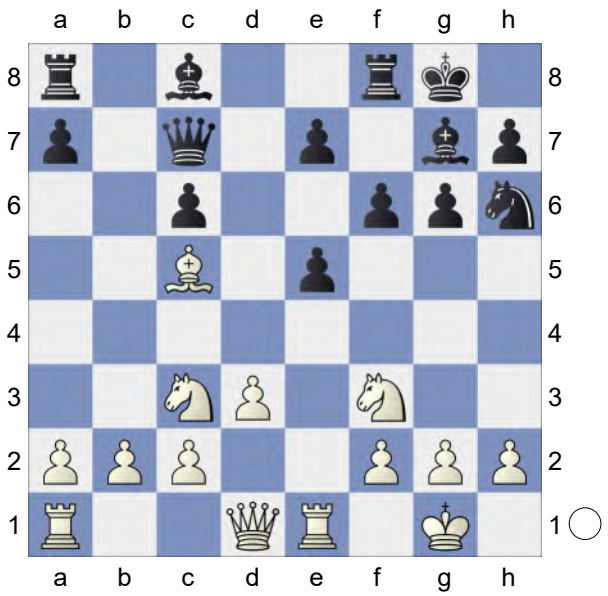
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Qc7 7.d3! is recently more successful than 7. c3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.c3.
7...d6

(Diagram)

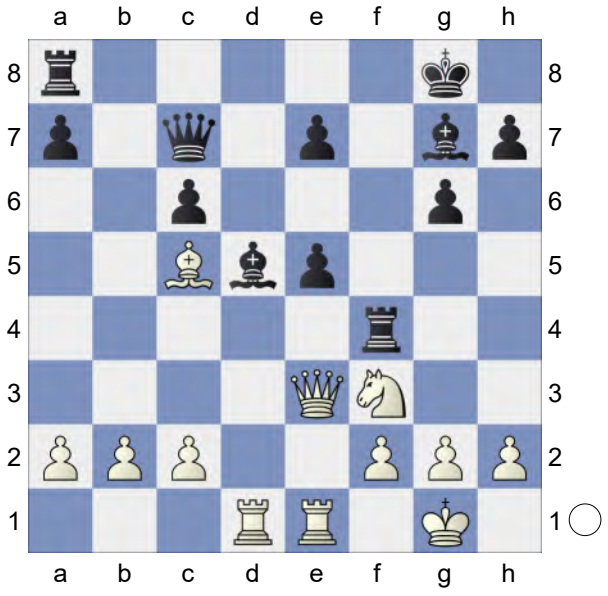


8.e5! dxe5 White is slightly better.
9.Nc3 0.08/21
[9.Na3± 0.55/21]
9...f6N 0.85/22
[Vorgänger: 9...Bg4 0.57/22 9…c4 0.13 10.h3! Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Rd8 12.b3 0.10/21 *(12.Ne4± 0.51/21)* 12...Nf6 13.Ba3 Nd5 14.Na4 Nb4 15.Qe2 e4! ½-½ Aronian,L (2772)-Carlsen,M (2865) Airthings Masters Prelim rapid 2022 (13)]
[9...c4= 0.08/21 keeps the balance.]
10.Be3± Nh6 11.Bxc5 0-0 1.34/20
[11...f5± 0.67/20]

(Diagram)



12.d4! Nf7 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.Qe2 White has more active pieces. **14...Be6**
15.Ne4 1.31/19
[15.Rad1+- 1.70/18]
15...Nd6 16.Rad1 0.96/21
[⌓16.Nfd2 1.32/19]
16...Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Rf4 2.00/19
[17...Bd5± 0.90/18 18.Qe3 Rf5]
18.Qe3+- Bd5



19.Nd2!
[19.Nxe5? Re4 20.Qd2 Qxe5-+ *(20...Bxe5? 21.Rxe4 Bxe4 22.h3-+)*]
19...Rg4 20.g3 Ra4 21.a3 Qc8 4.51/22

[⌓21...Bf6 2.87/20 22.b3 Ra6]
22.b3
[22.Bxe7 Qh3 23.f3 Re8±]
22...Qh3 23.f3!
[23.bxa4? Qg2#]
23...Rd4 24.Ne4 2.04/20
[24.Bxe7 Qd7±]
[24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Qxe7 Rf8±]
[⌓24.c4 4.57/22]
24...Bh6 3.01/22
[⌓24...Qf5 2.04/20 25.Bxd4 *(25.Bxe7 a5±)* 25...exd4]
25.Qe2 Rxd1 26.Rxd1
[26.Qxd1 Kf7 27.a4 Qf5=]
26...Qe6 27.c4 1.72/19
[⌓27.Nf2 2.96/20]
27...Bxe4 28.Qxe4 a5 29.Kg2 1.32/22
[White should play 29.a4+- 1.93/22]
29...Rb8 30.Rd3 Bg7 2.31/25
[30...Bc1± 1.56/23 31.f4 Bb2]
31.a4 Kf7 32.Be3 Ke8 33.Bd2 Ra8 34.Bc3 Kf7 35.Re3 h5 36.h4 And now g4! would win.
[36.Bxe5?! Bxe5 37.Qxe5 Qxe5 38.Rxe5 Rb8±]
36...Qf5 37.Bxe5
[37.Qxc6 Qc2+ 38.Kf1 Rd8 39.Bxa5 Rd1+ 40.Be1 Kg8=]
37...Bxe5? 3.11/28
[37...Qxe4± 1.21/24 38.Rxe4 Bf6]
38.Qxe5 Qxe5 39.Rxe5± Endgame KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **39...Kf6 40.f4** 1.37/27
[40.Rc5+- 3.84/26 is the precise move to win.]
40...e6 41.Kf3 0.17/25
[41.Rc5± 1.43/29]
41...Rb8= 42.Re3 Rd8 43.Ke2 c5 1.84/30
[43...Rd7± 0.45/27]
44.Re5+- Rc8 45.Kd3 Rd8+ 46.Ke4 Rc8 47.Kf3? 0.70/29
[47.Ke3+- 3.03/33]
47...Rc7? 3.08/33
[Black should try 47...Rb8± 0.70/29]
48.Ke4? -0.01/32
[48.Ke3+- 3.08/33]
48...Rc8= 49.Rg5 Rc7 50.Kd3 Rc8 51.Kc2 Rc7? 4.12/31
[51...Rc6 2.43/30 52.Kc3 Rc7]
52.Kb1 Rc8 53.Kb2 Rc7? 4.27/29
[53...Rc6 2.03/28 was called for. 54.Kc2 Rc8]
54.b4+- axb4 6.21/28
[⌓54...cxb4 3.96/27 55.Kb3 *(55.Rxa5 Rxc4 56.Rb5 Rc3±)* 55...Ra7]
55.a5 Ke7 56.Rxg6 Rd7 57.Kc2 Prevents Rd2+. **57...Rd4 58.a6**
[Less strong is 58.Kb3 Rd3+ 59.Ka4 Ra3+ 60.Kb5 b3 61.Rg7+ *(61.Kxc5? loses. Rxa5+ 62.Kd4 Kf7-+)* 61...Kf6±]
58...Rd8 59.a7 Ra8 60.Kb3 Kd6 61.Rg7 Kc6 62.g4 hxg4 63.h5 g3 64.h6
[64.Rxg3 Rxa7 65.Rg6 Ra3+ 66.Kb2 Rh3=]
64...g2 65.h7! Rd8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=0.75 **66.Rxg2 1-0**

231 **B31**
□ **Rozentalis,Eduardas** **2490**
■ **Thybo,Jesper Sondergaard** **2542**
Skanderborg Smuk (5) 16.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

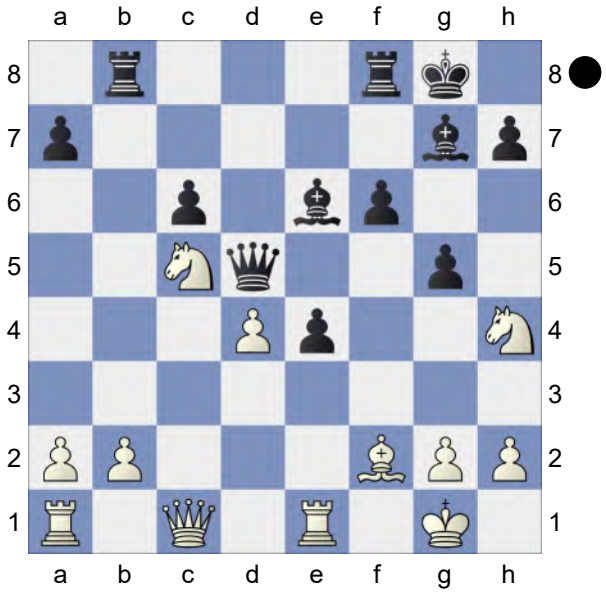
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3 Rb8! is now more promising than 10... cxd4. im Vergleich zu 10...cxd4 vielversprechender. **11.Qc1 cxd4 12.cxd4** White is slightly better. **12...f6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Nb3 Qd7 15.exf6 exf6 16.Nh4 Be6 17.f3** -0.38/21

[17.Nf3= 0.01/22]

17...g5!∓ 18.fxe4 dxe4 19.Nc5N

[Vorgänger: 19.Bf2 -0.94/24 19.Qc2 -0.37 Bd5 -0.01/21 *(19...gxh4∓ -0.94/24 20.Rxe4 h3)* 20.Nc5= Qc8 21.Nxe4 gxh4 22.h3 Wards off Qg4 f5 23.Nc3 f4 24.Nxd5! cxd5 25.Qxc8 Rfxc8 ½-½ Svidler,P (2694)-Shevchenko,K (2632) FIDE Grand Swiss 2021 (3)]

19...Qd5 20.Bf2? -1.89/23



gxh4-+ 21.Rxe4 -1.91/23

[21.Bxh4∓ -1.49/21 f5 *(21...Qxd4+ 22.Bf2=)* 22.Bf2]

21...h3 22.Qf1 Bf5↑ White is under strong pressure.

[22...Rxb2 23.Rxe6 f5 24.Rd1± *(24.gxh3 Rxf2* Decoy *25.Kxf2 Bxd4+ 26.Ke2 Bxc5-+)*]

23.Re2 Bg4 24.Rc2 -2.19/20

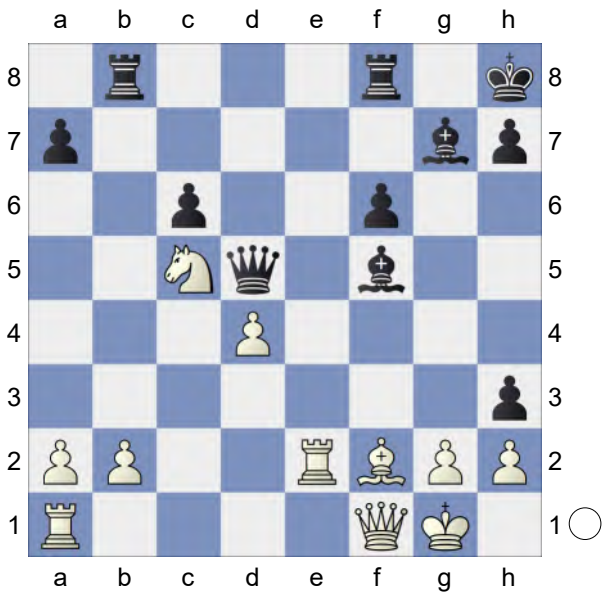
[⌓24.Re7 -1.66/20]

24...Bf5? 0.01/21

[24...Rfe8-+ -2.19/20 25.Re1 Rxe1 *(25...Qxa2 26.gxh3 Bf5 27.Rxe8+ Rxe8 28.Qc4+ Qxc4 29.Rxc4∓)* 26.Bxe1 Qxd4+ 27.Bf2 Qd5]

25.Re2= Kh8

(Diagram)



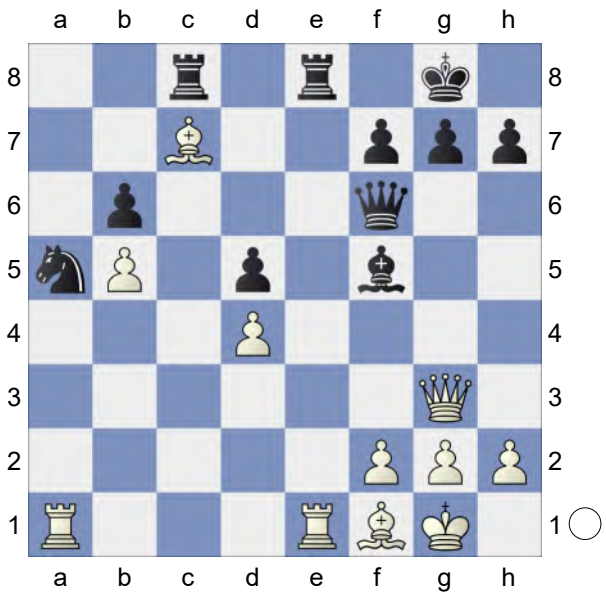
26.b3 -2.87/22
[26.Bg3∓ -1.57/20 might work better. Rb4 *(26...Qxd4+? 27.Qf2-+)* 27.Rae1]
26...Bg4 27.Re7 -2.78/22
[⌓27.Re3 -1.91/20]
27...Rg8-+ and ...Bf8 would now be decisive **28.g3 Rbe8 29.Rae1 Rxe7 30.Rxe7 f5?** -0.01/25
[Better is 30...Bf8-+ -2.55/23 31.Re1 Bf5]
31.Nd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.44 **31...Qd6**
½-½

232 **B30**
□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
■ **Skliarov,Viktor** **2383**
Speed Chess Q2 Sw blitz (3) 23.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

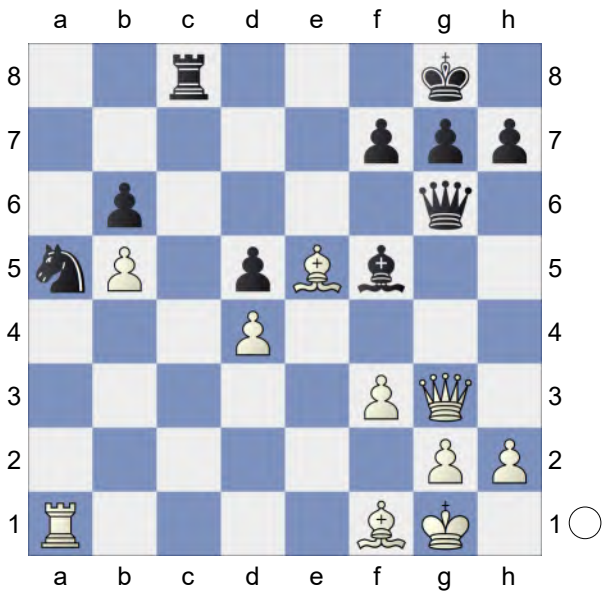
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4! outshines the older 9.d3. erfolgreicher als das alte 9.d3. **9...Be7 10.a4** White is slightly better. **10...0-0 11.Na3 dxc3 12.dxc3 d5 13.b5N** 0.23/23
[Vorgänger: 13.Be3 d4 14.cxd4 b5 would now be deadly. Bxb4 15.Re2 Bc3 1.26/23 *(15...Qh4± 0.70/20)* 16.Rc1± Bxd4? 3.07/26 *(16...Bb4± 1.31/22)* 17.Rxc6+- bxc6 18.Qxd4 Qxd4 19.Bxd4 1-0 Gorodetzky,M (2285)-Kundin,A (2329) ISR-chT Israel 2022 (10.1)]
[13.Be3± 0.69/22]

13...axb5 0.59/27
[13...Na5= 0.23/23]
14.axb5± Na5 1.02/23
[14...Nb8± 0.51/25]
15.exd5 0.29/24
[15.Nc2± 1.02/23]
15...exd5 0.76/25
[15...Bf6= 0.29/24 should be considered.]
16.Nc2± Bf6 17.Nd4 b6? 2.84/25
[17...Bxd4!± 0.49/23 18.cxd4 *(18.Qxd4 Nb3=)* 18...Be6]
18.Bf4? 0.75/24
[18.Nc6+- 2.84/25 and the rest is easy. Qd7 19.Ba3 Nxc6 20.bxc6 *(20.Bxf8 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Kxf8±)* 20...Qxc6 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.c4]
18...Bd7 1.13/23
[Black should play 18...Bxd4 0.75/24 19.cxd4 *(19.Qxd4 Nb3=)* 19...Bf5]
19.Qf3 White has more active pieces.
19...Bxd4 1.51/26
[⩲19...Rc8 0.88/25]
20.cxd4 Bf5 21.Qg3 1.03/24
[21.Bd2 1.48/26 Be4 22.Qg3]
21...Rc8 2.08/24
[21...Nc4± 1.03/24]
22.Bd6 0.70/24
[22.Bg5+- 2.08/24 f6 23.Bd2]
22...Re8± 23.Bc7 Qf6 2.80/25
[23...Qd7± 0.92/26 is a better defense.]

(Diagram)



24.Rxe8+!+- Rxe8 25.Be5→ 0.10/23
White has some attack.
[Better is 25.Qf3+- 2.60/25]
25...Qg6= 26.f3 Rc8? 2.62/26
[26...Qxg3= 0.18/24 and Black stays safe. 27.Bxg3 *(27.hxg3 h5±)* 27...Bd7]



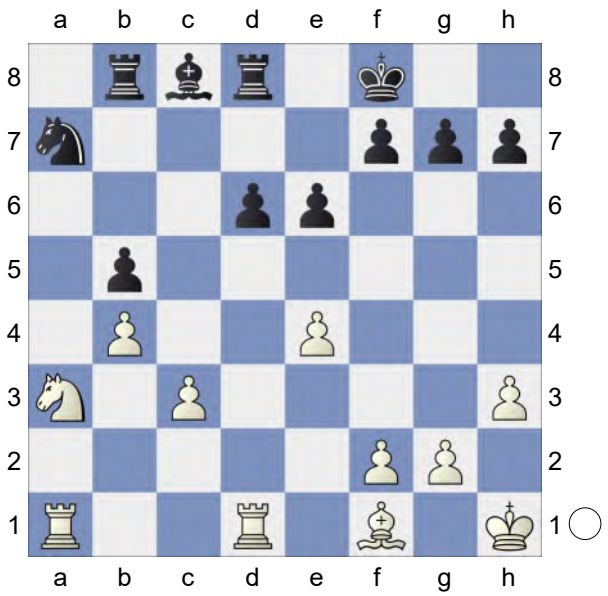
27.Qxg6? 0.01/21
[27.Rxa5!+- 2.62/26 Qxg3 *(27...bxa5 28.b6±)* 28.Bxg3 bxa5 29.b6]
27...hxg6 28.g4 Bd7 29.g5 Nc4 30.Ra7 Nxe5 0.46/26

[30...Bxb5= -0.01/25 31.Bh3 Re8]
31.dxe5 Endgame KRB-KRB **31...Be6** 0.95/27
[31...Bf5!= 0.28/27 remains equal.]
White stays focused until the end.
32.Rb7± d4? 4.09/27
[32...Rc1± 1.06/23 is tougher. 33.Kf2 *(33.Rxb6? too greedy. Bh3-+)* 33...Rc2+ 34.Kg3 Rc1]
33.Rxb6+- Rc1 34.Kf2 Bc4? 8.59/29
[34...Kf8 3.54/23 35.Rd6 Bc4 36.Bxc4 Rxc4]
35.Bxc4 Rxc4 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **36.Rb8+ Kh7 37.b6 Rc2+ 38.Ke1 Rxh2 39.b7** Rd8 would kill now. **39...Rb2 40.Kd1 d3 41.f4 d2 42.Ke2 f6 43.exf6** 11.75/26
[⌓43.gxf6 33.24/21 gxf6 44.exf6]
43...gxf6 44.gxf6 White mates.
44...Rb6 45.f7 Rf6 46.f8Q Rxf8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/Black=1.16 **47.Rxf8**
1-0

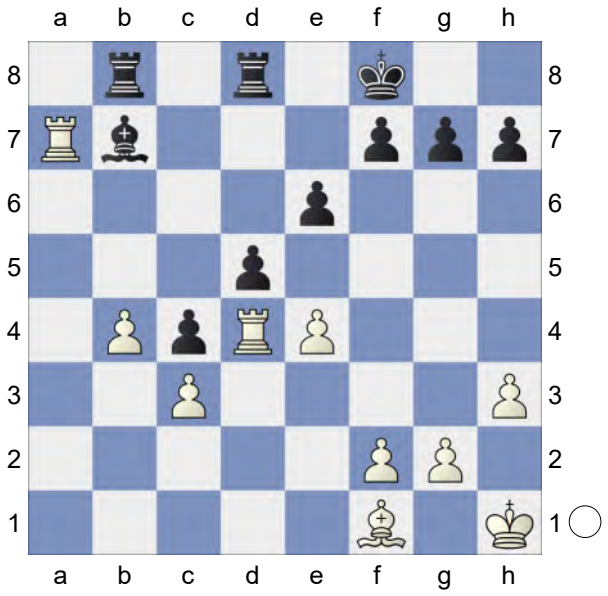
233 **B30**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2533**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2439**
E Women GP Shimkent 2024 (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

Bullet 1min B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370" **1.e4** 11 **c5** 11 **2.Nf3** 9 **Nc6** 12 **3.Bb5** 26
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 17 **4.0-0** 56 **Nge7** 15 **5.Re1N** 26
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]
5...Nd4 57 **6.Nxd4** 1:17 **cxd4** 8 **7.c3** 52 **a6** 16 **8.Bf1** 57 **Nc6** 21 **9.b4** 33 **Bd6** 36 **10.Bb2** 1:09 White is slightly better.
10...dxc3 38 **11.dxc3** 10 **Qc7** 12 **12.h3** 25 **0-0** 20 **13.Nd2** 47 **b6** 2:54 **14.Nc4** 1:55 Discovered Attack **14...Bh2+** 3:09 **15.Kh1** 6 **Bf4** 0.78/21 6
[15...b5!± 0.37/20 16.Ne3 Be5]
16.Bc1± 4:41 And now Bc1xf4 would win. **16...Rb8** 1.33/23 29:33
[16...b5± 0.66/20 17.Bxf4 Qxf4]
17.a4 7:34 **b5** 7:46 **18.Bxf4** 8:30 **Qxf4** 6 **19.Qd2** 0.64/22 5:36
[19.Nd6± 1.07/24]
19...Qxd2± 1:55 **20.Nxd2** 21 **d6** 10 **21.Red1** 7:30 **Rd8!** 44 **22.Nb1** 8:09 **Kf8** 4:14 **23.axb5** 4:56 **axb5** 6 **24.Na3** 26 **Na7** 1:53

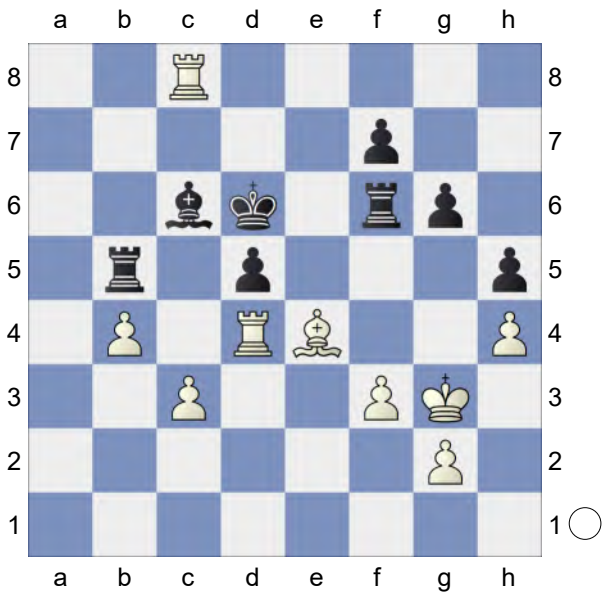
(Diagram)



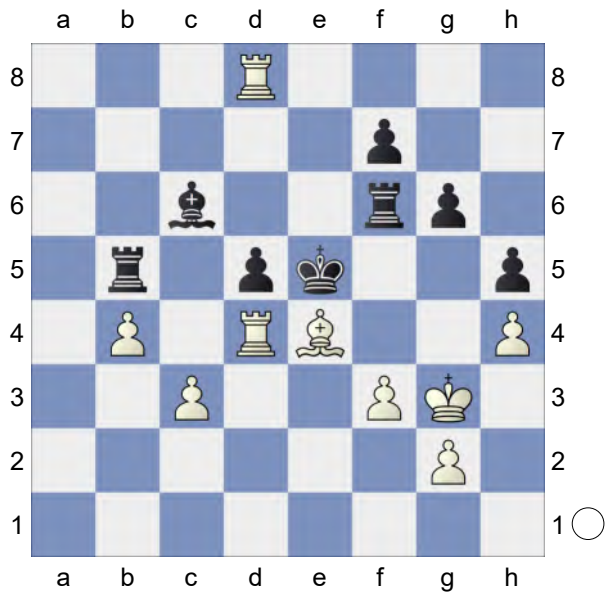
25.Nc4! 9:56 Discovered Attack
25...bxc4 55 **26.Rxa7** 2 **Bb7** 1.29/21 1:31
[26...Rb7!± 0.68/21 27.Ra5 Rc7]
27.Rd4↑ 54 White is in control.
[Much weaker is 27.Bxc4?! Bxe4 28.Bd3 Bg6=]
27...d5 1.88/25 19:16
[27...Rdc8± 1.21/21]



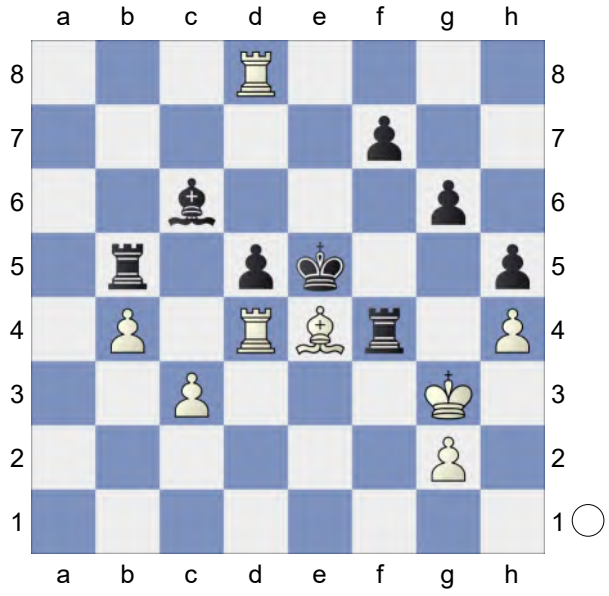
28.Bxc4!+- 2:13 **Bc6** 10:01 **29.exd5** 38 **exd5** 57 **30.Ba6** 1.32/22 9:29
[30.Bb3+- 1.86/23]
30...Rd6 2.20/20 1:20
[30...Ra8± 1.32/22 is a better defense. 31.Rxa8 Rxa8]
31.Rc7 1:16 **Rf6** 5:19 **32.f3** 1:32 **Rb6** 43 **33.Bd3** 1:58 **g6** 36 **34.Kg1** 1:21 **Rb7** 47 **35.Rc8+** 7:52 **Ke7** 20 **36.Kf2** 41 **h5** 2.25/21 59
[⌓36...Kd7 1.72/23]
37.h4 3:46 **Kd7** 1:01 **38.Rh8** 43 White is much more active. **38...Kd6** 1.90/21 41
[38...Ke7± 1.54/24 39.Rc8 Kd7]
39.Kg3 1.21/23 2:54
[Better is 39.Ba6+- 1.90/21 Rb6 40.Bc4]
39...Ke5 1.94/22 2:07
[39...Ke7± 1.21/23 40.Bb1 Rd6]
40.Rc8 1:10 **Kd6** 2.70/25 3:07
[40...Re6 1.96/22 was necessary. 41.Kf2 Ra7]
41.Be4 31:59 Rc8xc6+! would now be deadly.
[41.Rf4 Rxf4 42.Kxf4 Ra7+-]
41...Rb5? 4.19/24 6:32
[41...Rd7 2.33/25 42.Kf2 Re6 43.Bxd5 Bxd5]



42.Rd8+! 0 **Ke5** 6:17



43.f4+! 0 **Rxf4** 7:34



44.Bxd5! 0 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

234 **B31**
□ **Dronavalli,Harika** **2483**
■ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (2.3) 16.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

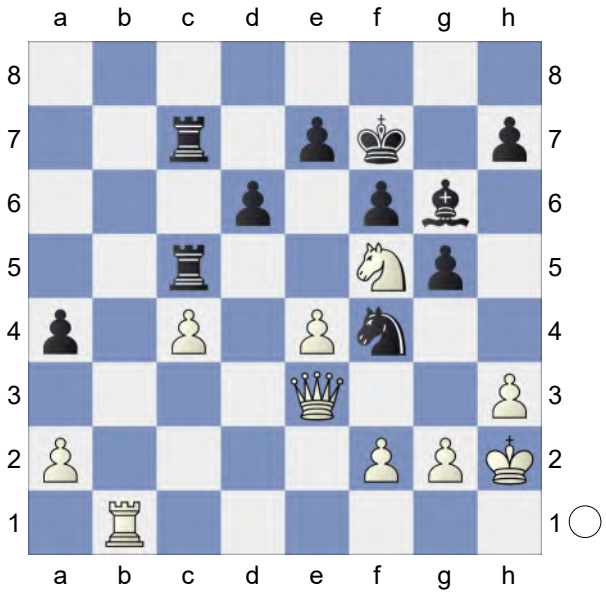
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Issy les Moulineaux 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* Hanke,L (2709)-10.Bc2 c5 11.Nbd2_15267 (2728) corr ICCF 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879] 1-0 (72)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 1-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/Van Kempen] 1-0 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 (30) 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 10.Bg5-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/

Van Kempen]]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 f6 7.0-0 d6 8.c4 White is slightly better. **8...c5 9.Qd1**
[9.Qd5 is more complex. Rb8 10.a3 Bg7 11.Nc3]
9...Nh6 10.Nc3 Nf7 11.b4 cxb4 12.Qa4+ Bd7 13.Qxb4 a5 14.Qa3 Rc8 15.Be3 Bh6 16.Nd5 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 0-0 18.Qa7 Ra8 19.Qd4 Rc8 20.Qa7 0.01/18
[20.Rfc1± 0.52/22]
20...Ra8= 21.Qd4 Rc8! 22.Rab1 Rc5 23.h3 Bc6 24.Rfc1 Qd7 25.Qe3 0.33/22
[25.Qd1 0.68/20 is more appropriate.]
25...Nd8 1.05/21
[25...Ne5± 0.33/22]
26.Nd4± Pair of Knights! **26...a4** Prevents Nb3. **27.Rb8 Ne6 28.Nb6** 0.49/22 0x0. 001fdbb23cb4dp-1022s more active pieces.
[28.Rxf8+± 0.98/22 Nxf8 29.Rc2 *(29.Nxc6 Rxc6 30.Qd3 Kf7=)*]
28...Rxb8± 29.Nxd7 Bxd7 30.Ne2 0.01/19
[30.f4± 0.94/19]
30...Rbc8 0.63/22
[30...Rb2= 0.01/19]
31.Qd3↑ White has good play. **31...g5 32.Kh2 Be8** 1.12/21
[32...R8c7± 0.31/20]
33.Ng3± Nf4 34.Qe3 0.78/21
[⌓34.Qd1 1.27/21]
34...Bg6 1.16/21 Prevents Nf5.
[⌓34...Ng6 0.78/21]
35.Nf5 Kf7 1.65/22
[35...Kf8± 1.27/20]
36.Rb1+- R8c7 1.58/23
[⌓36...Re5 1.17/22 37.Qa7 Bxf5 38.exf5 Rxf5]



37.Nh6+? -0.01/25
[White should try 37.Rb8!± 1.58/23]
37...Kg7= 38.Nf5+ Kf7!
[Resist 38...Bxf5 39.exf5 Rxf5 40.Rb5±]
39.g3 0.52/23
[39.Rb8+- 1.62/22]
39...Ne6± 40.Nh6+ Kg7 41.Nf5+ Kf7 42.Nh6+ 0.01/20
[Better is 42.Rb4± 0.60/23]
42...Kg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
½-½

235 **B30**
□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2725**
■ **Fedorov,Alexei** **2555**
TCh-CZE Extraliga 2014-15 (10.4)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.d3 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 The position is equal. **9...Nc6 10.Nd2 Bb7 11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Bf4 Bb4 13.Nd2 0-0 14.a3 Be7 15.Qg4 Kh8 16.Nf3 f6 17.h4 Rg8** 0.49/22

[17...a5= -0.01/22]

18.Qg3 0.01/22

[18.h5± 0.49/22]

18...Rac8 19.Bd6→ Black needs to defend precisely. **19...Bxd6 20.Qxd6 Rgd8 21.a4 Ba8** 1.04/23

[21...Qc7± 0.40/20 22.Qc5 Ne5 23.Qxd4 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Qf4]

22.axb5± axb5 23.Bd5 e5 1.32/23

[Better is 23...b4 0.94/20]

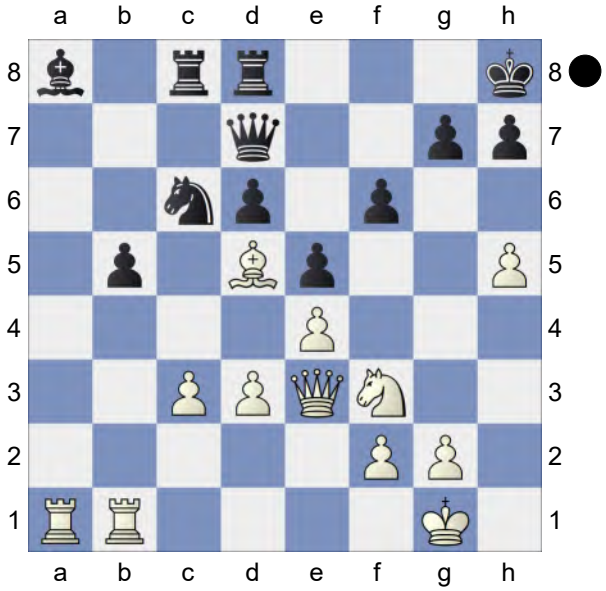
24.c3 dxc3 25.bxc3 Qb8 26.Qc5 White is much more active. **26...d6** 2.46/24

[26...Nd4? 27.cxd4 *(27.Rxa8? Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Rxc5-+)* 27...Rxc5 28.Rxa8 Qxa8 29.Bxa8±]

[26...Re8± 1.14/24]

27.Qe3+- Qc7 28.h5 Qd7 29.Reb1? 1.19/21

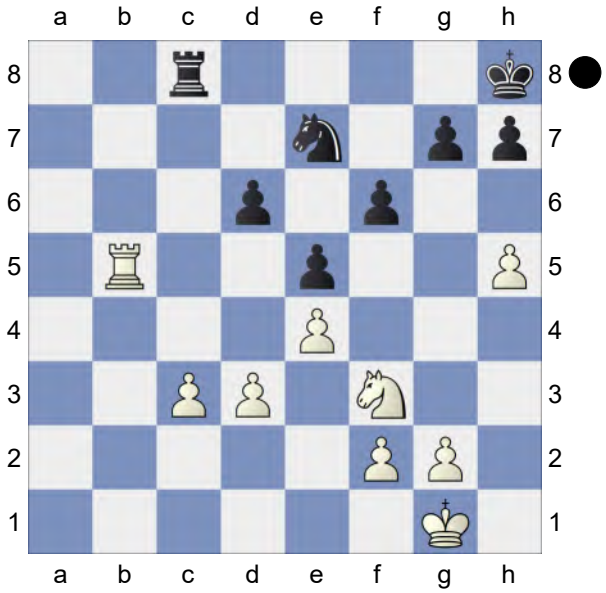
[29.h6+- 3.29/21]



29...Ne7± 30.Bxa8 Rxa8 31.Rxa8 Rxa8 32.Qb6 Rc8 33.Qxb5

[33.Rxb5 Rxc3 34.Rb1 Rxd3=]

33...Qxb5 34.Rxb5

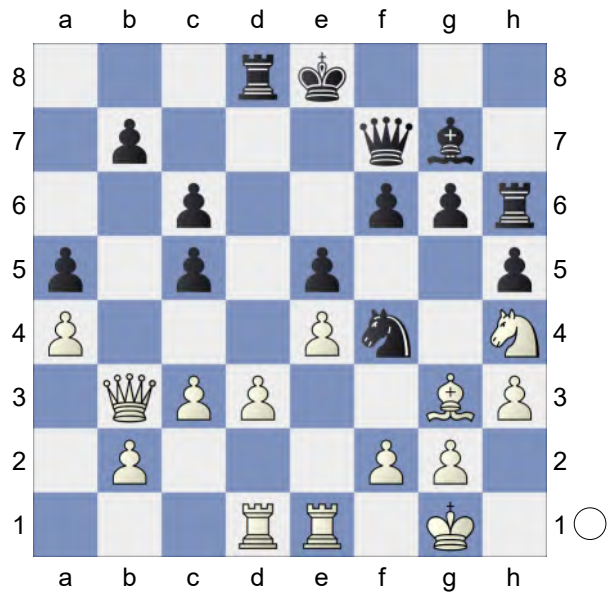


aiming for Rb7. **34...Rxc3** Endgame KRN-KRN **35.Rb7 Nc6** 4.84/26
[35...Ng8± 1.26/24]
36.Nh4+- White is clearly winning.
36...Kg8 37.Nf5 g6 38.hxg6
[Less strong is 38.Nxd6 Na5+-]
38...hxg6 39.Rg7+
[Weaker is 39.Nxd6 Rxd3 40.Ne8 f5±]
39...Kh8 40.Rxg6 Nb4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.31 **41.Nxd6**
1-0

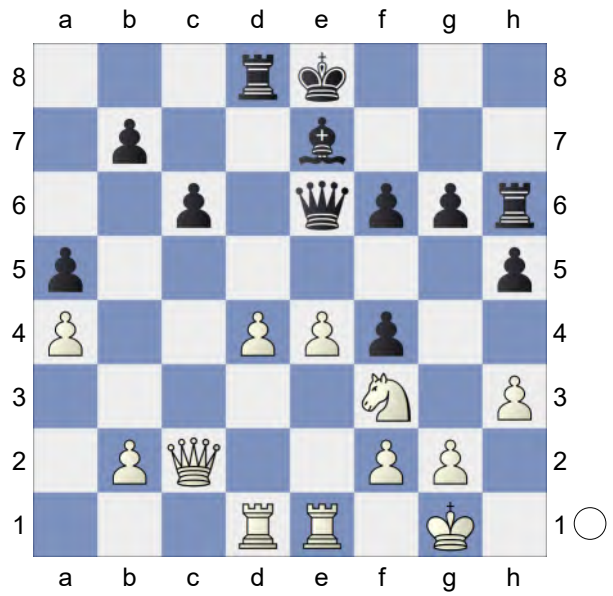
236 **B31**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,I.** **2757**
■ **Dubnevych,Maksym** **2292**
Titled Tue 13th May Early blitz (3)
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.a4 a5 9.Na3 Nf6 10.Nc4 Nd7 White is better. **11.Bg5 f6 12.Bh4 h5 13.Bg3** White has more active pieces. **13...Nf8 14.Nb6** A dynamic duo of knights. **14...Rb8 15.Nxc8** 0.03/20
[White should play 15.h3± 0.58/20]
15...Rxc8= 16.c3 Rd8 17.h3 Ne6 18.Nh4 -0.70/22
[18.Qb3= 0.01/23]
18...Qf7 -0.12/22
[Black should try 18...Kf7∓ -0.70/22]
19.Qb3 And now Nxg6! would win.
19...Rh6 0.49/22
[19...Rxd3?! 20.Nxg6 Rh6 21.Nh4±]
[19...Nf4= -0.04/24 20.Qxf7+ Kxf7 21.Bxf4 exf4]
20.Rad1 Nf4 1.59/23
[20...Bf8!= 0.29/19]

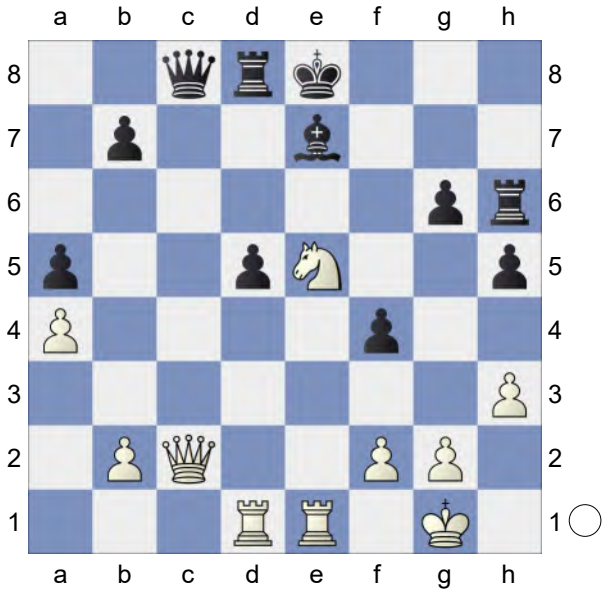
(Diagram)



21.Qc2!↑ White has strong initiative. Loses the game. **21...Bf8?** 3.90/24
[21...Ne6± 1.22/23]
22.d4+- cxd4 23.cxd4 Be7? 4.51/21
[23...Bb4 2.60/22 was necessary. 24.Re3 *(24.Bxf4 exf4 25.Re2 Rd6=)* 24...Qc7]
24.Nf3 Qe6 8.42/20
[⌓24...h4 4.23/22 25.Bxf4 *(25.Bxh4 exd4 26.Qc1 g5=; 25.Nxh4 Bb4±)* 25...exf4]
25.Bxf4 Remove Defender **25...exf4**



26.d5! Qc8
[26...Qd6 27.e5]
27.e5 fxe5 28.Nxe5 cxd5

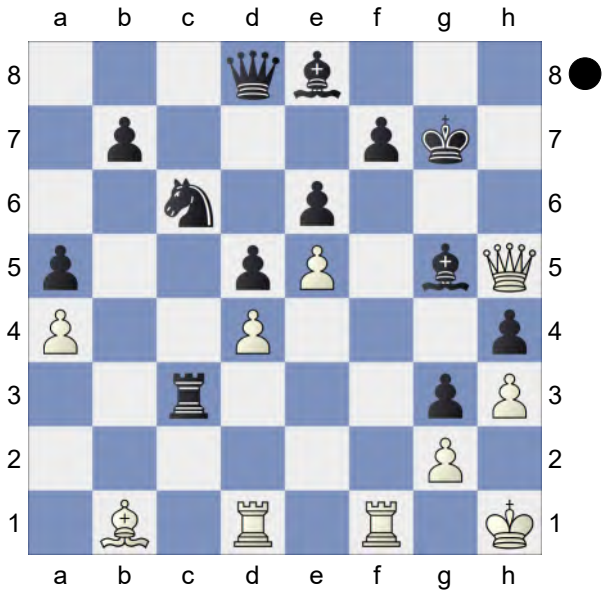


29.Nxg6! Discovered Attack, Double Attack **29...Rh7 30.Qe2** Qxe7+ would kill now. **30...Qc5 31.Qe6 Rg7 32.Nxe7** Deflection **32...Rxe7 33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Rxd5+**
[34.Qxd5+ Qxd5 35.Rxd5+ Kc6 36.Rxe7 *(36.Rxd8 Rxe1+ 37.Kh2 Re2±)* 36...Rxd5±]
34...Qxd5 35.Qxd5+ Ke8 36.Rxe7+ 12.40/5
[⌓36.Qg8+ #6/14 Kd7 37.Rd1+ Skewer, Deflection Kc6 38.Qc4+ *(38.Rxd8 Kb6 39.Qd5 Re1+ 40.Kh2 Rd1 41.Qxd1 Ka7 42.Qd4+ b6 43.Qg7+ Ka6 44.Ra8#; 38.Qxd8 Re1+ 39.Rxe1 b5 40.Rc1+ Kb7 41.Qd7+ Kb8 42.Rc8#)* 38...Kb6 39.Qb5+ *(39.Rxd8 Re1+ 40.Kh2 Rd1 41.Rxd1 h4 42.Qb5+* Deflection *Ka7 43.Qxa5+ Kb8 44.Rd8#)* 39...Kc7 40.Qc5+ Deflection, Double Attack Kb8 41.Rxd8#]
36...Kxe7 37.Qe5+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=1.60 **37...Kd7**
1-0

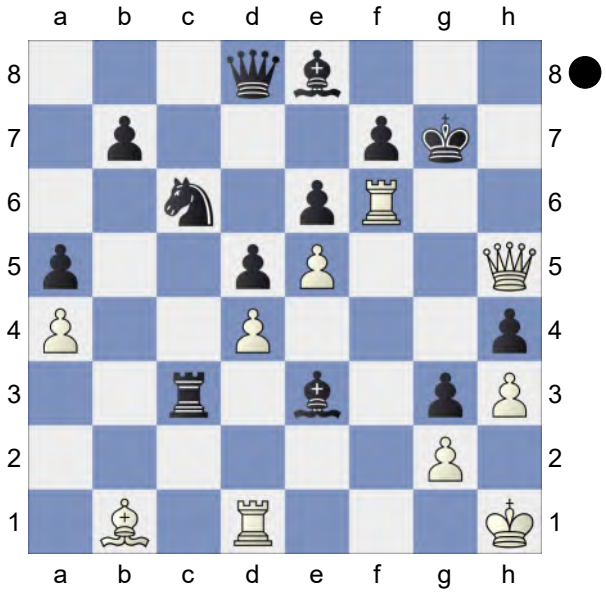
237 **B51**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2606**
■ **Jobava,Baadur** **2730**
ACP Golden Classic (3) 16.07.2012
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.h3 e6 7.c3 Be7 8.d4 cxd4 White is slightly better.
9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nbd2 0.36/25
[11.Bd3± 0.73/21]
11...Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Qb6
[12...Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxb5 14.Qg4±]
13.a4 0-0 14.Bc3 Rfc8 1.05/22
[14...f5± 0.66/23]
15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 a5 17.Nh2 Nb4 18.Bb1 Qd8 19.Ng4 h5 20.Ne3 Ra6 21.f4 h4 22.f5 Bg5 23.Qf2 Rac6 24.Qf3? -1.24/20
[24.Rf1± 1.03/22 keeps the pressure on.]
24...Rxc3!∓ 25.bxc3 Rxc3 26.f6 -2.68/21 **gxf6-+ 27.Qh5** Strongly threatening Qh7+. **27...f5** -1.92/22
[27...Bxe3+? 28.Rxe3 Rc1+ *(28...Rxe3? 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.exf6+ Kd6 32.Qxd8+-)* 29.Kh2+-]
[⌓27...Rxe3 -3.22/25 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.exf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxd8+ Kxd8 32.Rxe3 Bxd4 Pin, Double Attack]
28.Ng4 Kg7 Prevents Nh6
[28...fxg4 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qg7=]
29.Kh1 Nc6
[29...fxg4 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Rf1+-]
30.Rd1 Be8
[30...fxg4 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Bg6=]
31.Ra2 fxg4 32.Rf2 Rdf1 would now be deadly. **32...g3**
[32...gxh3 33.Rdf1 hxg2+ *(33...Nxd4 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Rxf7+ Bxf7 36.Qxf7#)* 34.Kxg2 Rg3+ *(34...Nxd4 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Rxf7+ Bxf7 37.Qxf7#)* 35.Kh1 Rh3+ *(35...Nxd4 36.Qh7+ Kf8 37.Rxf7+ Bxf7 38.Qxf7#)* 36.Kg2 Rg3+ 37.Kh1 Rh3+ *(37...Nxd4 38.Qh7+ Kf8 39.Rxf7+ Bxf7 40.Qxf7#)* 38.Kg2 Rg3+=]
33.Rff1

(Diagram)



Be3! 34.Rf6



Nxd4? 0.00/29

[34...Bxd4 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Bh7+ Kh8 37.Qf8+ Kxh7 38.Rh6#]

[34...Qb6!-+ -1.72/24 aiming for ... Kf8. 35.Qg4+ Kf8 36.Qxe6 Qxd4 *(36...Bxd4? 37.Rf3-+)*]

35.Qh7+= The position is equal. **35...Kf8** And now ...Qc7 would win. **36.Bg6 Qc7** Hoping for ...Rc1.

[36...Bxa4 37.Qxf7#]

37.Qh8+ Ke7 38.Bxf7 Bxf7 39.Qg7 Some like it hot **39...Ke8**

[Inferior is 39...Qxe5 40.Rxf7+ *(40.Qxf7+ Kd6=)* 40...Kd6 41.Qf8+ *(41.Rxb7?* is the wrong capture. *Qxg7 42.Rxg7 Ra3-+; 41.Rd7+ Kc6±)* 41...Kc6 42.Qc8+ Skewer, Double Attack Kb6 43.Rxb7+ Ka6 44.Qa8#]

40.Qh8+ Ke7 Black had all chances to win. Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)

½-½

238 **B30**

□ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2730**

■ **Efimov,Ig** **2416**

European Online CC GpB (6.3) 28.03.21

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...Nf6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A

(2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 e5 5.0-0 d6 6.a3 Be7 7.b4 cxb4 8.axb4 The position is equal.

8...0-0 9.Ba3 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Bf6 13.Bd3 a6 14.Qf3 -0.22/21

[14.b5 0.20/21 is superior.]

14...Re8 15.h3 Bd7 16.Rfe1 Rc8

[16...Be5 with more complications. 17.Bb2 Qg5 18.Re2 Bf6]

17.Rxe8+ Qxe8 18.Bb2 Bb5 19.Be4 -0.67/24

[White should try 19.c3= -0.01/24]

19...Be5∓ 20.Re1 g6 Dodges Bf5

21.Qd1 -1.29/21

[21.Bd3∓ -0.65/22 Bxd3 22.Qxd3]

21...Rc7 -0.12/21

[21...Qd8!∓ -1.29/21 22.g3 Rc4]

22.f4 -1.51/28 **Bxf4∓ 23.Bxg6 Re7 24.Rxe7 Qxe7 25.Bh5 Qg5** -0.32/26

[25...Qe5!-+ -1.61/22 26.Kh1 *(26.Qg4+ Kf8∓)* 26...f5 *(26...Qxd5 27.Qg4+ Qg5 28.Qc8+ Kg7 29.Bxd4+ Be5 30.Bxe5+ dxe5 31.Bf3=)*]

26.Bxd4∓ Bxd2 27.Kh1 Qf4

[27...Bxb4 28.c3 *(28.Qf3 f5=)* 28...Bc5 29.Bxc5 dxc5 30.Bg4=]

28.Bg1 -3.79/24

[White must play 28.c3∓ -0.43/24]

28...Bxb4-+

[28...Qxb4 29.c4 Be8 *(29...Bxc4 30.Qg4+ Kf8 31.Qc8+ Kg7 32.Bd4+ f6 33.Qf5)* 30.Qg4+ Kf8 31.Bd4 Qb1+ 32.Kh2=]

29.Bf3? -6.75/24

[29.Be2 -3.47/22 Bd7 30.Bd3]

29...Qd2 30.Qa1 Qc3

[30...Qxc2 31.Qf6 Qc1 32.Kh2∓]

31.Qc1 Qd2 0.01/25 Prevents Be2

[31...Qe1-+ -4.37/24 32.Qg5+ Kf8 33.Qd8+ Be8]

32.Qa1= Bc3

[32...Qxc2 33.Qf6 Qc1 34.Kh2∓]

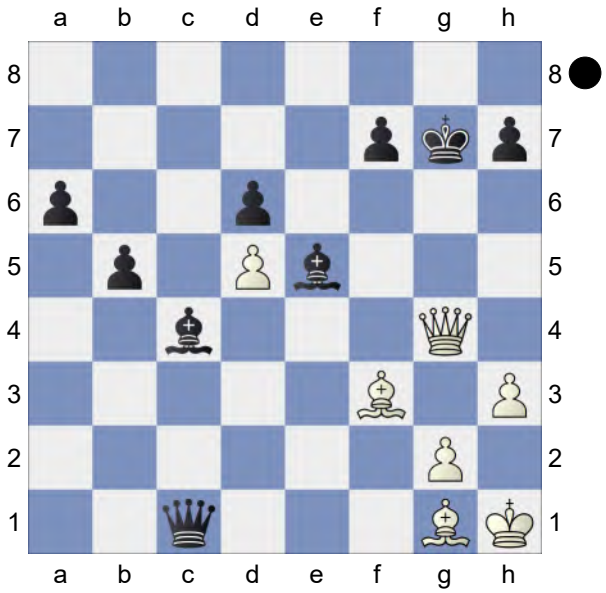
33.Qa3 Be5

[33...Qxc2 34.Qxd6 Qf5 35.Qg3+ Kh8 36.Be4±]

34.c4 Bxc4 35.Qa4 Qc1

[35...Bxd5 36.Qg4+ Kf8 37.Qc8+ Ke7 38.Qc7+ Kf6 39.Qd8+ Kg6 *(39...Kg7 40.Bxd5 Qxd5 41.Qg5+ Kf8 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qg5+ Kf8 44.Qd8+ Kg7=)* 40.Bxd5 Qxd5 41.Qg8+ Bg7 42.Qc8-+]

36.Qe8+ Kg7 (→ ...Bd4) **37.Qc8 b5 38.Qg4+**



Kf6! 39.Qh4+

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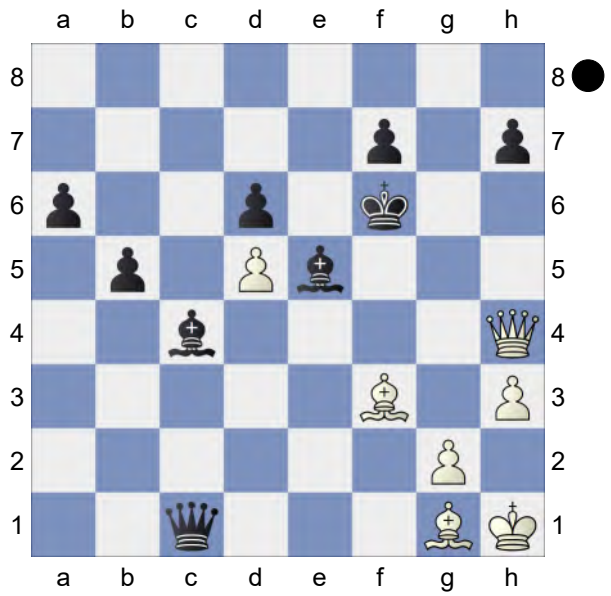

Qg5! 40.Qxh7 Ke7 41.Qe4 a5 42.Be3 Qg3 43.Bg1 Prevents Qh2+. **43...a4 44.Qe3 Qf4 45.Qa7+ Kf6 46.Qb8 Kg7 47.Qa7 Qc1 48.Qd7 a3 49.Qg4+ Kf8?** -0.01/24

[Better is 49...Kf6-+ -22.32/26 ...a2 is the strong threat. 50.Qh4+ Qg5]

50.Qc8+ Ke7 (→ ...a2) **51.Qc7+ Kf6 52.Bh5!** Some like it hot **52...Bb2?** #4/10

[52...Kg5= -0.01/26 53.Bxf7 Qxg1+ 54.Kxg1 a2 55.Qd8+ Kf4 56.Qh4+ Ke3 57.Qf2+ Kd3 58.Bg6+ Kc3 59.Qe1+ Kb3]

53.Qxf7+ White mates. **53...Ke5 54.Qe6+ Kf4 55.g3+** Decoy **55...Kxg3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/ Black=0.59 **56.Qg4#**

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239 **B30**

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2757**

■ **Pauly,C.** **2275**

Titled Tue 11th Mar Early blitz (1)

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...Nf6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.b3 White is slightly better. **8...Nd7 9.Bb2 f6 10.e5! Qc7** 1.27/21

[Better is 10...h5± 0.45/20 11.exf6 exf6]

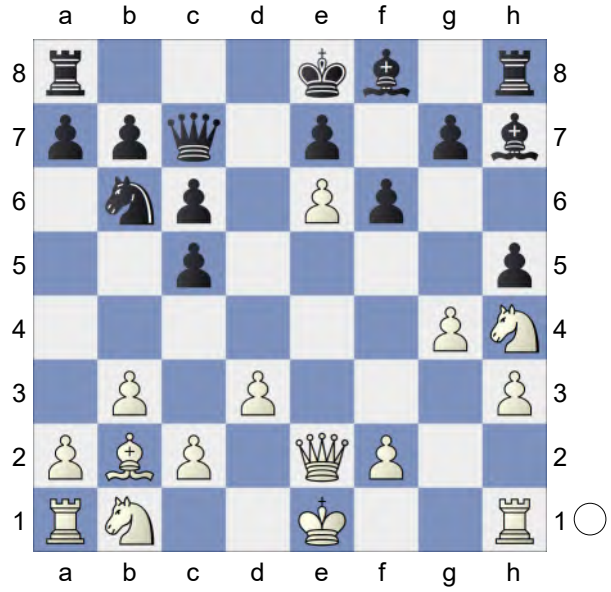
11.Qe2± h5 1.65/19

[11...0-0-0± 1.16/18]

12.Nh4+- Bh7 13.e6

[13.gxh5 0-0-0]

13...Nb6



14.gxh5 0.59/23 White is more active.

[14.Nc3!± 1.04/19]

14...0-0-0 15.Nd2 0.43/22

[15.Nc3± 0.79/23]

15...Nd5± 16.0-0-0 0.02/21

[16.Qg4± 0.55/23]

16...Nf4= 17.Qg4↑ Black is under pressure. Loses the game. **17...Qd6?** 3.78/21

[17...Rd5!= 0.19/21 and Black stays safe.]

18.Ne4+- Qc7 19.Kb1

[Not 19.Nxc5 Rd5±]

19...Bxe4? 9.02/24

[19...f5 3.38/22 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 Rxh5]

20.dxe4 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Rxh5

Black is weak on the light squares

22.Rd7 Qb8 23.Ng6 Rxh3 24.Qxf4 Rh1+ 25.Bc1

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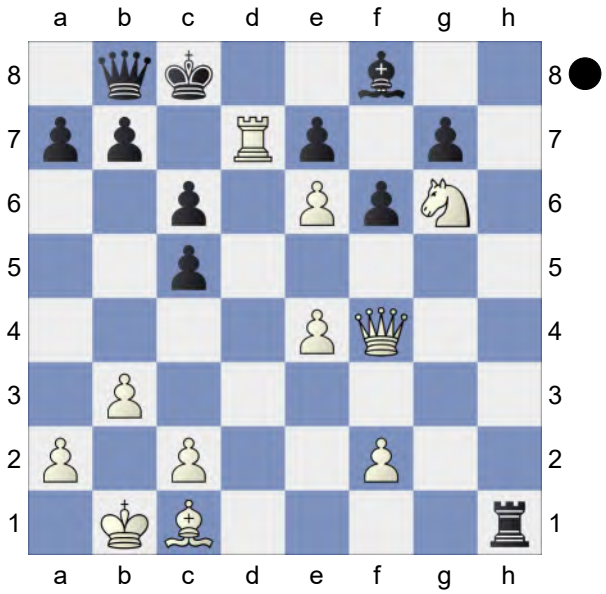

White wants to mate with Rd8+!.

25...Qxf4 26.Nxf4 g6 27.Nxg6 Bh6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=1.39 **28.f4** 15.70/26

[⌓28.Nxe7+ #12/26 Kb8 29.Nxc6+ Kc8 30.Nxa7+ Kb8 31.Nb5 Rxc1+ 32.Kb2 Rd1 33.e7 *(33.Rxd1 b6 34.e7 Kb7 35.e8Q Bd2 36.Qe7+ Kb8 37.Qc7+ Ka8 38.Qc8#)*]

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240 **B30**

□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2702**

■ **Hakobyan,Erik** **2342**

Aeroflot Open A 2024 (4.8) 04.03.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

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3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 Ng6 9.c4 White has an edge. **9...Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Qc2 Rd8** 0.52/21
[11...c5= 0.14/21]
12.Be3 Qc7 0.70/19
[12...c5 0.34/19]
13.c5± Nf4

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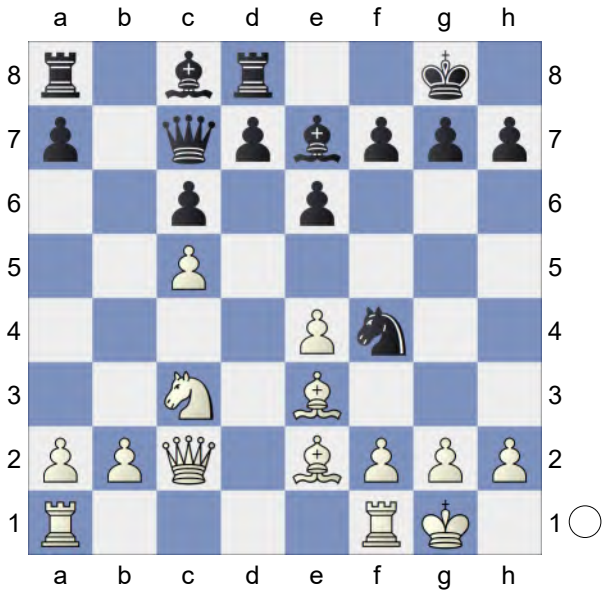
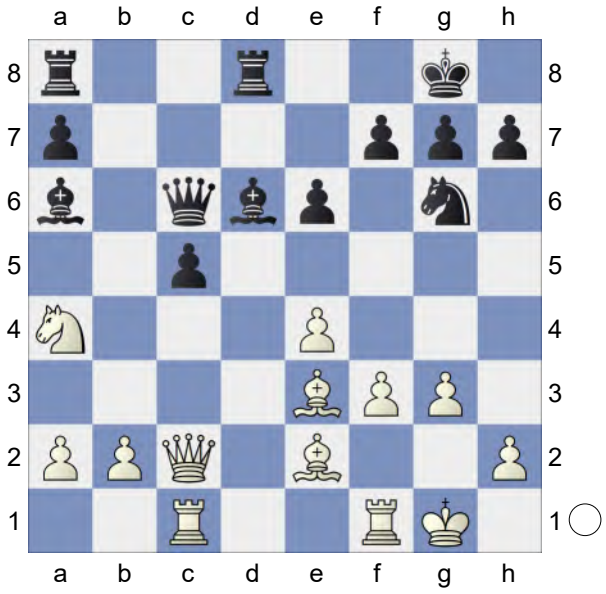


14.Bc4! d5 15.cxd6 Bxd6 16.g3 0.37/20
[White should try 16.Rfd1± 0.73/19]
16...Ng6 0.87/22
[Black should play 16...e5± 0.37/20]
17.Be2 White is more active. **17...Bb7** 0.99/21
[17...e5± 0.59/21 might be stronger.]
18.Na4 c5 19.Rac1 Qc6 20.f3 Ba6



Hoping for ...Bxe2. **21.Nxc5 Bxc5 22.Bxc5 Ne5 23.Be3** A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Qb7 24.Rfd1 Rdc8 25.Qd2** and Rxc8+ would now be

decisive **25...h6 26.b3 Bxe2 27.Qxe2 a5 28.Rxc8+ Qxc8** 1.30/22
[28...Rxc8± 0.55/23 29.Rd4 Rc6]
29.Kg2± Qb7 30.Bd4 Nc6 31.Bc3 Qe7 1.78/22
[31...Kh7± 1.27/23 32.Rd6 a4]
32.Qb5 1.11/21
[32.Qc4+- 1.78/22 Rc8 33.a4]
A mistake that costs the game. **32...Nb4** 3.86/27
[32...Rc8± 1.11/21]
33.Rd7+- White is winning. **33...Qg5 34.Qb7 Rf8 35.Bxb4 axb4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) / Black=0.25 (precise) **36.Qxb4**
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241 **B30**
□ **Alekseev,Evgeny** **2715**
■ **Wang,Yue** **2736**
FIDE Grand Prix (5) 18.12.2008
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
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4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nd7 8.0-0 White is better. **8...g6 9.Qe2** White is more active. **9...Bg7 10.c3 e5 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nd2 Qe7 13.a4 Rfd8 14.Nc4 b6 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.f3** -0.03/21
[16.f4± 0.48/22]
16...b5= 17.Na5 Nf8 18.Nb3 Ne6 19.Qf2 Bf8 20.Rd2 -0.99/22
[20.a5∓ -0.32/19]
20...a6 -0.28/20
[20...c4∓ -0.99/22 21.Nc1 bxa4]
21.Rfd1 Rd7 22.Kh1 Rcd8 23.Na5 Rc8 24.Nb3 h6 25.g3 Rcd8 -0.01/20
[25...bxa4 26.Na5=]
[25...c4!∓ -0.57/22 26.dxc4 Rxd2 27.Nxd2 bxa4]
26.Na5 Qd6 27.f4 Qc7! 28.Nb3
[28.f5 Nd4 29.cxd4 cxd4 *(29...Qxa5 30.dxe5 gxf5 31.Qxf5+-)* 30.Bxh6 Bxh6-+]
28...bxa4 29.Nc1 exf4 30.gxf4 f5 31.Rg1 Kh7 32.Qf3 Rg7! 33.Ne2 Bd6 34.e5 Bf8 35.Ra1 Rgd7 36.Bg1 -0.79/22
[36.Nc1= -0.20/20]
36...c4 -0.01/23
[36...Qb8∓ -0.79/22]

37.d4 -0.77/22
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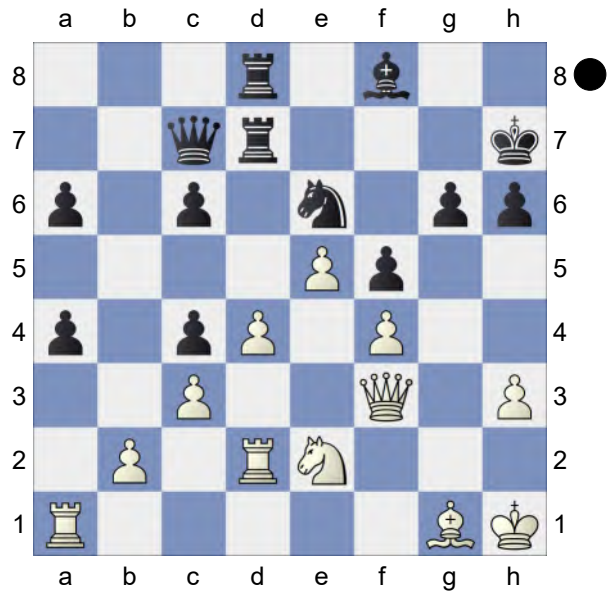
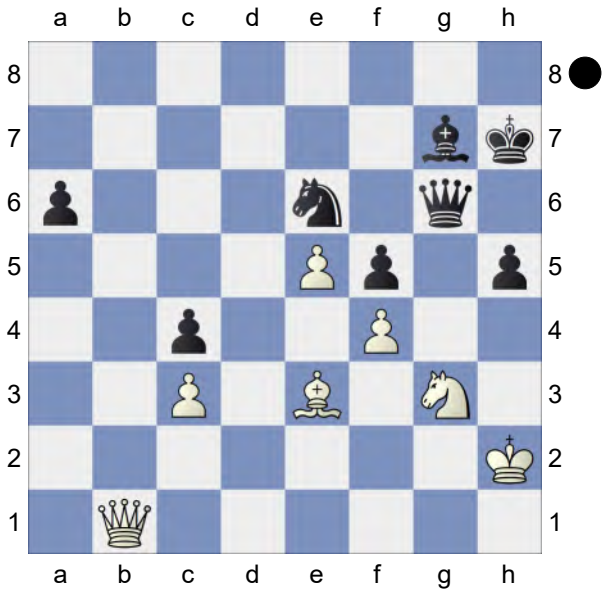
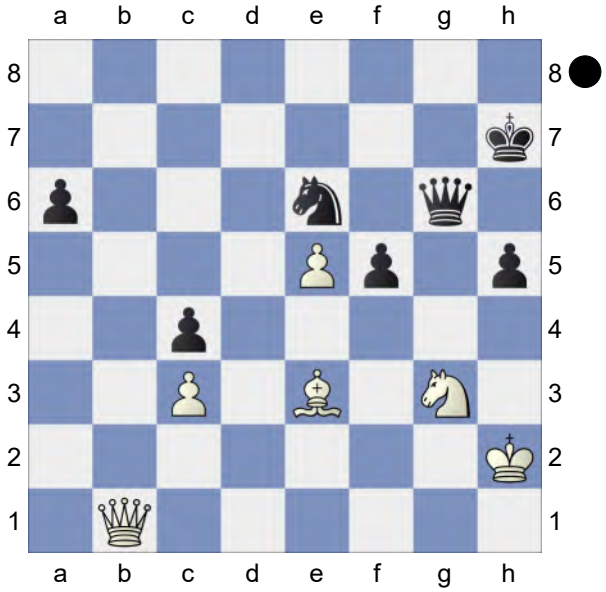


37...a3! -0.28/23 **38.bxa3 Rb8** Wards off Rb1 **39.a4 Rdd8 40.a5** -0.85/23
[40.Rad1∓ -0.31/21]
40...Qb7 0.01/20
[Black should play 40...Rb5∓ -0.85/23]
41.Rad1 -0.75/24
[41.Rdd1= 0.01/20]
41...Rd5 -0.14/22
[41...Nc7!∓ -0.75/24]
42.Ng3 -1.14/22
[42.h4!= -0.14/22 remains equal.]
42...Rxa5∓ 43.h4 Qd7! 44.d5 Rxd5 45.Rxd5 cxd5 46.h5 Qf7 47.Rxd5 Rd8 -1.54/26
[⌓47...Rb1 -0.98/24 48.Kh2 *(48.hxg6+ Qxg6 49.Kh2 Rb2+ 50.Kh1 Qf7∓)* 48...Nxf4 Discovered Attack, Deflection 49.Qxf4 Qxd5 50.hxg6+ Kg8 *(50...Kg7 51.Qxf5 Rb8 52.Ba7±)* 51.Qxf5 Rb8]
48.Rxd8 Nxd8 49.hxg6+ Qxg6 50.Kh2 Ne6 51.Qb7+ Bg7 -1.21/24
[51...Ng7-+ -1.66/26 52.Be3 h5]
52.Be3 h5 -0.60/22
[52...Qg4?! 53.Qf7 Nxf4 54.Bxf4 Qxf4 55.e6 Qf2+ 56.Kh3=]
[52...a5!∓ -1.31/26 ...h5 is the strong threat. 53.Qe7 Kh8 *(53...a4? 54.Bd2∓)*]
53.Qb1? -3.57/27
[White must play 53.Qxa6∓ -0.60/22 h4 54.Nf1]

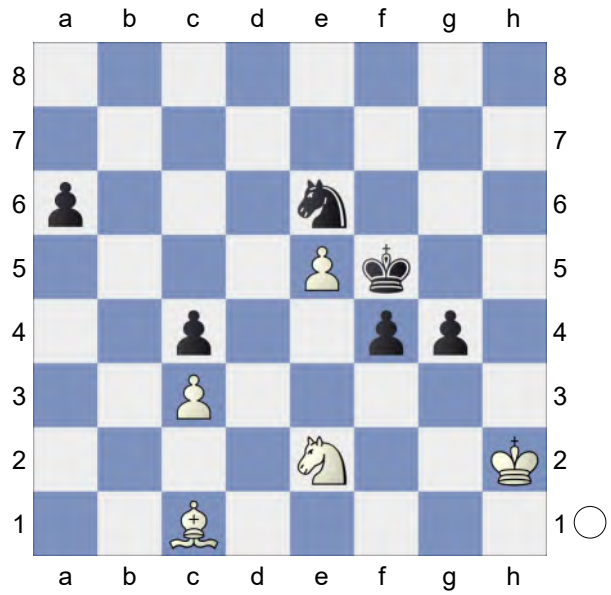


53...Bxe5? -0.75/22 **54.fxe5**



f4! 55.Qb7+ Kh6 56.Qf3 Qg4 0.01/23
[56...fxe3∓ -1.11/23 57.Nf5+ Kh7 58.Nxe3 a5]

57.Qxg4= hxg4 58.Bc1 Kg6 59.Ne2 Kf5
[59...f3 is more complex. 60.Nd4 Nxd4 61.cxd4 Kf5]



60.Nxf4! Kxe5
[60...Nxf4? 61.Bxf4 a5 *(61...Kxf4? is the wrong capture. 62.e6+-)* 62.Kg3+-]
61.Kg3 Nc5 62.Kxg4 Ke4 63.Ba3 Nd3 64.Ne6 a5 65.Kg5 Nf2 66.Nc5+ Ke3 67.Kf5 Nd1 68.Ke5 Strongly threatening Bc1+. And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise) **68...Nxc3**
½-½

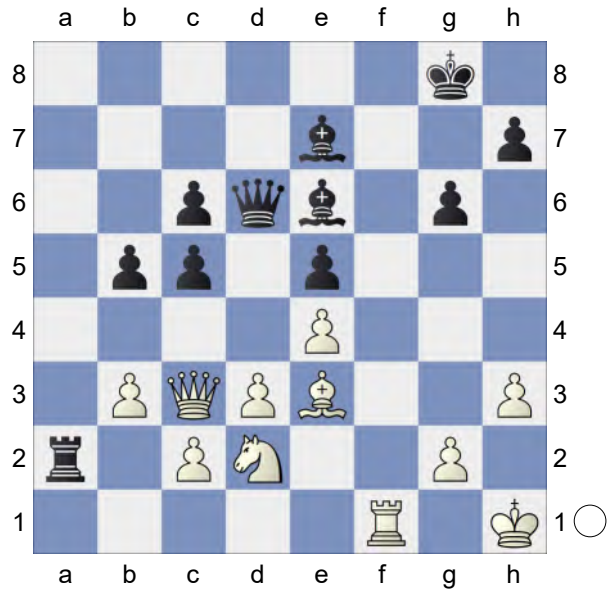
242 **B31**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2445**
■ **Paehtz,Elisabeth** **2424**
Nikosia WGP 2025 (1.4) 15.03.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Issy les Moulineaux 2011 EXT 2012 [ChessBase II] 0-1]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* Hanke,L (2709)-10.Bc2 c5 11. Nbd2_15267 (2728) corr ICCF 2006 200 Traps In The Opening [CPC 1879 p37; ACJ March 1879] 1-0 (72)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 8.Na3 Be7 9.Nc2 Bg5 1-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/Van Kempen] 1-0 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 (30) 8.Na3 Be7 9. Nc2 Bg5 10.Bg5-Siemer,A ICCF email 1975 Telechess CBM 89 [Alvarez,R/ Van Kempen]]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.a4 Qe7 8.Na3 Nh6 9.d3 White is slightly better. **9...f6 10.Nc4 Be6 11.a5 0-0 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bd2 Nh6 14.b3 Rfd8 15.Qc1 Nf7 16.Be3 Rd7 17.Qa3 Bf8 18.Nfd2 Rb8 19.f4 b5 20.axb6! axb6 21.fxe5 fxe5 22.Qa6! Rdb7 23.Nf3** Pair of Knights! **23...Bd7 24.Rf1**

0x0.001fdbb23cb4dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **24...b5 25.Ncd2 Qd6 26.Bf2 Be6 27.Kh1 Rd7 28.Qa5 Rdd8** 0.69/22

[⌓28...g5 0.37/21]

29.Bh4 Re8 30.Ng5 Nxg5 31.Bxg5 Be7 32.Be3 Rf8 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Qc3 Re8 35.Rf1 Ra8 36.h3 Ra2



Hoping for ...b4. **37.Nf3 b4** 0.79/23

[⌓37...Kg7 1.15/21]

38.Qxe5± Rxc2? 5.67/24 A mistake that costs the game.

[38...h6± 1.08/24 is more resistant.]

39.Bh6+- White is clearly winning.

39...Qxe5 40.Nxe5 Kh8 41.Nxc6 Bh4 42.g3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.31

1-0

243 **B30**

□ **Adams,Michael** **2704**

■ **Edouard,Romain** **2617**

11th EICC Men (9) 15.03.2010

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

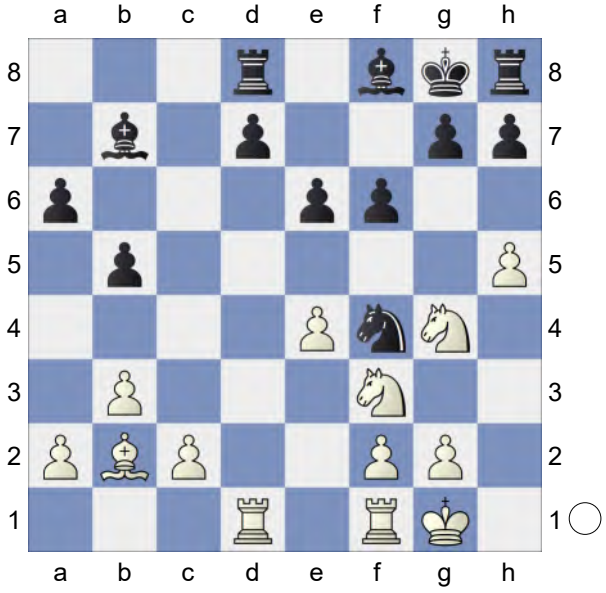
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.b3N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

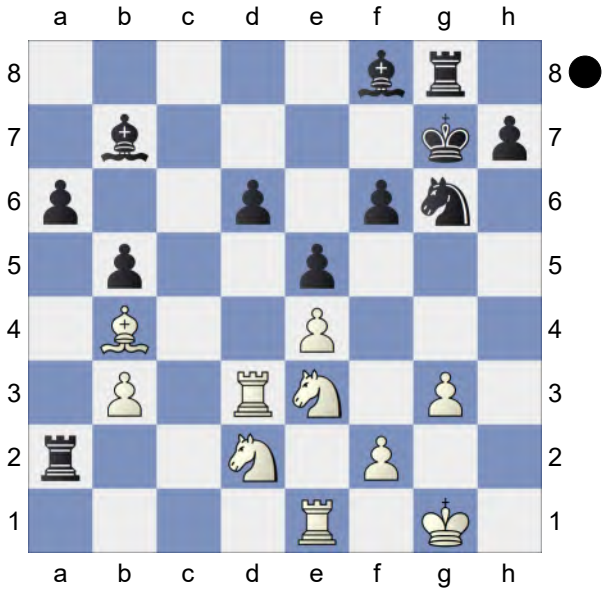
5...a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.Bb2 b6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bb7 10.Nd2 f6 11.Qg4 -0.20/20

[11.Qh5+± 0.32/19 g6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6

13.Qe2]
11...Kf7 0.29/19
[11...Ne5 -0.20/20 was preferable. 12.Qg3 Qc7]
12.Rad1 Qc7
[12...h5 13.Qe2 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 b5]
13.Nc4 -0.34/22
[Better is 13.Qh5+± 0.35/20 g6 14.Qh3]
13...b5 14.Qh5+ Kg8! 15.Ne3 Ne5 16.Nf3 Ng6 17.Qg4 Rd8 0.48/21
[17...Bc5= -0.01/20]
18.h4!± and h5 would now be decisive
18...Qf4 19.h5 Qxg4 20.Nxg4 Nf4



21.h6! -0.30/22 **Kf7=**
[21...Bxe4 22.hxg7 *(22.Bxf6 Bxf3 23.hxg7 Bxg7±)* 22...Bxg7 *(22...Ne2+? 23.Kh2+-)* 23.Nxf6+ *(23.Bxf6 Bxf3 24.Bxd8 Bxg4±)* 23...Kf7 24.Ng5+ *(24.Rxd7+ Rxd7* Pin *25.Ng5+ Ke7=)* 24...Kg6 25.Ngxe4+-]
22.Rfe1 Rg8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Bc3 -0.74/21
[24.c4= -0.26/20]
24...d6∓ 25.Rd3 e5 26.Ba5 -1.52/23
[26.Bd2∓ -0.60/23]
26...Rc8 27.hxg7 Kxg7 -1.09/25
[Black should play 27...Rxg7 -1.47/23 28.c3 Rg8]
28.Nd2 Rxc2 29.Ne3
[29.Bd8 Nf4 *(29...Rxa2 30.Nxf6 Rc2 31.Nxg8±)* 30.gxf4 Kf7∓]
29...Rxa2 30.Bb4? -2.96/21
[30.Nf5+∓ -1.40/22 was necessary. Kf7 31.Nxd6+ *(31.Rxd6 Bc8∓)* 31...Bxd6 32.Rxd6]



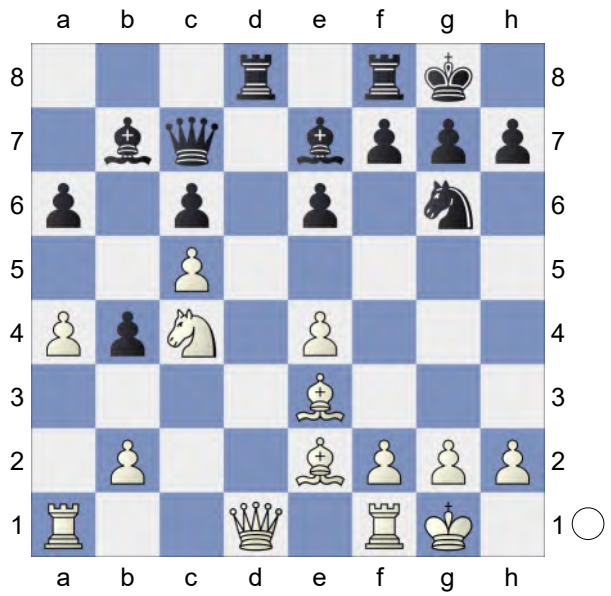
30...Kh8!-+ 31.Kf1 a5 -1.97/25
[⌓31...Rg7 -3.33/24 32.Bc3 Rc7]
32.Bxd6 a4 -1.00/24
[32...Bh6-+ -2.05/22 And now ...b4 would win. 33.Bc7 Rc8]
33.Rc1 axb3 34.Bxf8 Nxf8
[34...Rxf8?! 35.Rc7 Rb8 36.Rxb7 Rxb7 37.Rd8+ Kg7 *(37...Nf8 38.Rxf8+ Kg7 39.Rd8±)* 38.Nf5+ *(38.Nxb3? Ne7-+)* 38...Kf7 39.Nd6+ *(39.Nxb3? Rc7-+)* 39...Ke7 40.Nxb7=]
35.Nd5 -2.51/22
[35.Nxb3∓ -1.16/21 only move. Ne6 *(35...Bxe4 36.Rd6∓)* 36.Rd6]
35...b2 36.Rb1 Bxd5 -0.21/23
[36...Ne6-+ -1.80/22 37.Rb3 Rd8 38.R3xb2 Rxb2 39.Rxb2 Kg7

(39...Bxd5 40.exd5 Rxd5 41.Ne4∓)]
37.Rxd5= The position is equal. **37...Ne6 38.Rxb5 Rd8**
[38...Rga8 39.R1xb2 Rxb2 40.Rxb2 Ng5]
39.Nf3
[39.Ke1 simplifies Kg7 40.R5xb2 Rda8 41.Kf1]
39...Nd4
[39...Rd3 with more complications. 40.Ke2 Nd4+ 41.Nxd4 Rxd4 42.f3 Kg7]
40.Nxd4 Rxd4 41.R5xb2 Rxb2 42.Rxb2 Rxe4 Endgame KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **43.Rb7 Rg4 44.Ke2 Kg8 45.Ke3 Rg7 46.Rb4 Kf7 47.Rh4 f5 48.Rh6** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise) **48...Rg6 ½-½**

244 **B30**
□ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2530**
■ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2420**
World Blitz Women 2023 (10.7) 30.12.23
[Kitty Kat]

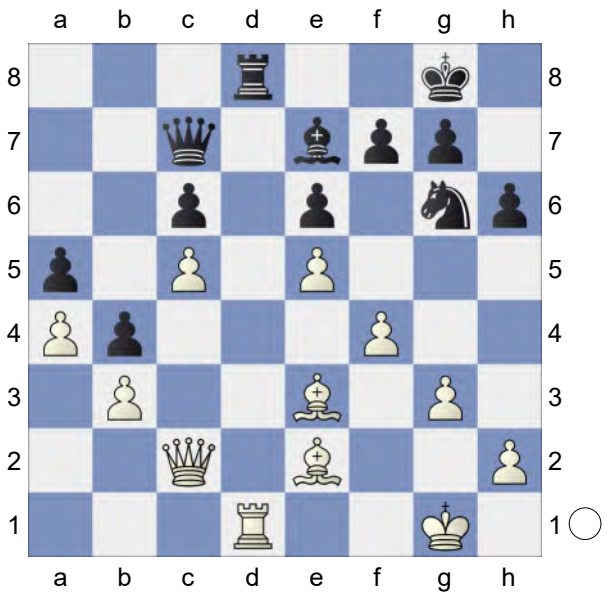
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]
5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6 7.Be3 Be7 8.c3 0-0 White is slightly better. **9.Nd2 a6 10.Be2 b5 11.Nxc6 dxc6 12.a4 Bb7 13.c4 b4** 1.04/23
[13...bxc4± 0.65/20 should be considered. 14.Nxc4 Qc7]
14.c5± Qc7 1.51/21
[⌓14...a5 1.12/20]
15.Nc4 0.45/22
[15.a5± 1.51/21]
15...Rad8 0.97/21
[15...a5!± 0.45/22]

(Diagram)



16.Qb3 0.40/22
[16.Qc1!± 0.97/21]
16...a5!± 17.g3 Ba6 18.Rfd1 -0.25/20
[18.Rae1± 0.52/23]
18...Qa7 0.11/24
[18...Ne5 -0.25/20 was preferrable.]
19.Rac1= Bxc4
[19...Bxc5!? 20.Bxc5 Rxd1+ *(20...Qxc5 21.Nd6=)* 21.Bxd1 Qxc5±]
20.Qxc4 Ne5 21.Qc2 h6 1.05/24
[21...Rxd1+± 0.61/20 22.Rxd1 Rd8]
22.b3 0.51/22
[22.f4± 1.05/24 Nd7 23.e5]
22...Ng6 23.f4 Qc7 1.44/21
[⌓23...Rxd1+ 0.84/23 24.Rxd1 Rd8]
24.e5± Black must now prevent Rd6!
24...Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1
[Don't play 25.Bxd1?! Rd8±]
25...Rd8

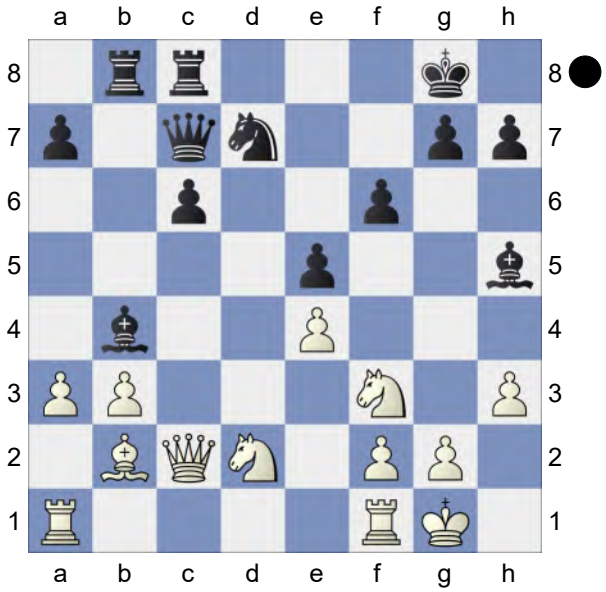
(Diagram)



26.Rxd8+ 0.33/21
[White should try 26.Rd6!± 1.41/20]
26...Bxd8± 27.Qd3 Ne7 28.Bf3 Nd5 29.Bxd5 exd5= Endgame. KQB-KQB
30.Bd4 Be7 0.54/27
[30...Qe7= 0.14/23]
31.Qa6 0.00/26
[31.f5± 0.54/27]
31...Kh7 0.89/27
[31...Qd7= 0.00/26 keeps the balance.]
32.Qb6 0.03/23 White is more active.
[32.Kg2± 0.89/27]
32...Bd8 33.Qa6 Prevents Qc8.
33...Qd7 34.Qd3+ g6! 35.Kg2 Qg4 36.h3 Qe6 37.g4 Qe7 38.Qa6 Qd7 39.Qd3 Qe7 40.Qe3 f5? 3.49/23
[40...Qe6= 0.07/24]
41.Qd3? 0.00/27
[Inferior is 41.exf6 Qxe3 42.Bxe3 Bxf6=]
[Only move: 41.e6+- 3.49/23]
41...Qe6 42.Kg3 h5 43.g5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.35
½-½

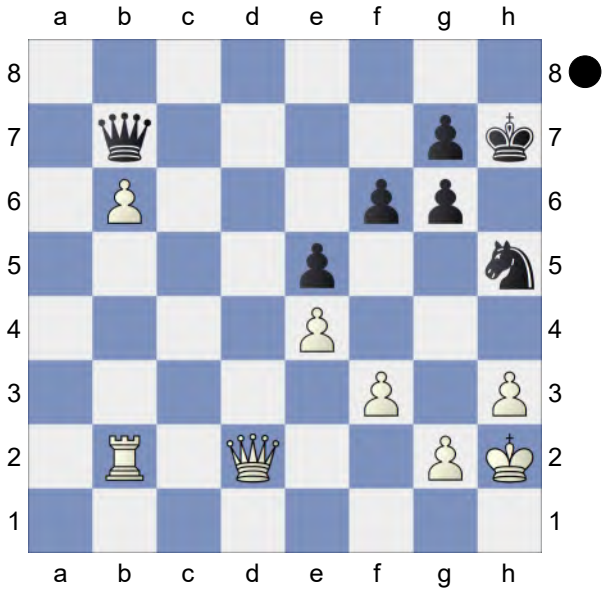
245 **B51**
□ **Pranav,V.** **2621**
■ **Nedelcu,Teodor Cosmin** **2320**
Wch U18 blitz (21) 16.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...d6
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6+N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th 2008 (8)]
4...bxc6 5.0-0 e5 6.c3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Re1 Be7 0.81/19
[8...Nf6± 0.39/21]
9.d3 -0.01/21
[9.d4± 0.81/19]
9...Nf6= 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qa4!?
A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
11...Qc7 12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rab8 14.Qc2 Bg6N
[14...Rfc8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.b3 Bb4 Strongly threatening ...Bxf3. 17.Rf1 Nd7 18.Bb2 f6 19.a3 -1.26/19 *(19.Nh4∓ -0.31/22)*



19...Bf8 -0.81/20 *(⌓19...Be7! -1.26/19 20.Nh4 Bf7)* 20.Rfc1 -1.74/19 *(20.Bc3∓ -0.81/20)* 20...Nc5 ½-½ Qveliashvili,T (2120)-Goletiani,R (2265) GEO-ch U20 Girls 1998]
15.dxe5 dxe5 0.44/22
[15...Nxe4= 0.00/22 16.Nxe4 d5]
16.Nh4 Bb4 0.75/22
[16...Rfd8± 0.38/22]
17.Nxg6 0.39/22
[17.a3± 0.75/22 Bd6 18.Nxg6 hxg6 19.Rd1]
17...hxg6± 18.a3 Ba5 19.Re2 0.19/21
[19.b4± 0.64/20 Bb6 20.Bb2]
19...Bb6= 20.Nf3 Rfd8 0.66/23
[20...Bd4= 0.01/22]
21.Bg5 0.06/22

[21.Be3!± 0.66/23]
21...Bd4 22.Nxd4 Rxd4 0.89/22
[22...exd4= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 23.Rd1 Rb5]
23.Rc1± Rc8 1.06/21
[23...Rb5± 0.68/22 deserves consideration.]
24.f3 Qd7 1.20/22
[24...Nh5 0.82/21]
25.Kh2 0.79/23
[White should try 25.Be3 1.20/22]
25...Nh5 26.Qc5 f6 1.34/26
[⌓26...Kh7 0.82/21]
27.Be3 White is more active. **27...Rd1** 1.80/23
[27...Nf4± 1.39/22 28.Bxf4 exf4]
28.Rxd1 1.35/22
[28.Qxa7? Qxa7 29.Rxd1 Qe7-+]
[28.Rec2+- 1.80/23]
28...Qxd1 29.Rc2 0.67/23
[29.Qc2+- 1.66/25 Qxc2 30.Rxc2]
29...Qe1 1.55/25
[Better is 29...Kh7± 0.67/23]
30.Bf2
[30.Qxa7 Qg3+ 31.Kh1 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Qg3+ 33.Kh1 Qe1+ 34.Kh2=]
30...Qd1 2.15/25
[⌓30...Qf1 1.76/26 31.Qd6 *(31.Qxa7 Rd8±)* 31...Qb1]
31.Qc3 1.05/23
[31.Qc4++- 2.15/25 and the rest is easy. Kh7 32.Bxa7]
31...Nf4 2.35/23
[31...Rd8± 1.05/23]
32.Be3? 0.82/26
[32.Bxa7+- 2.35/23 and Be3 should not be overlooked Kh7 33.Rd2]
32...Nh5? 2.60/24
[32...Kh7± 0.82/26]
33.Bxa7+- Kh7 3.13/25
[33...Rd8 2.22/25 was worth a try. 34.Be3 *(34.Qxc6 Kh7±)* 34...Rd3 35.Qc4+ *(35.Qxc6 Kh7=)* 35...Kh7]
34.Qd2 Qf1 35.Be3 Qb1 36.a4 Qa2? 5.83/25
[36...Ra8 2.63/26 is more resistant. 37.Rc4 *(37.Rxc6 Qa2±)* 37...Qa1]
37.a5 Qa4 38.b4 Rb8 39.Ra2 Qb5 40.a6 Ra8 Black is weak on the dark squares **41.a7 Qb7 42.Qd6 Nf4 43.Rc2 Rxa7 44.Bxa7 Qxa7 45.Qxc6** Endgame KQR-KQN **45...Qa1 46.Qc3 Qf1 47.Qd2 Nh5 48.Qe2 Qb1 49.Rb2 Qc1 50.Qd2 Qc6 51.b5 Qb7 52.b6**



Nf4 53.g3 Ne6 54.Qd5 Qa6 55.Qxe6 White threatens Qd5 and mate. **55...Qa3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.70 **56.Qb3**
1-0

246 **B31**
□ **Bharath,Subramaniyam H** **2561**
■ **Sliwicka,Alicja** **2346**
Masters Open 2024 (1.28) 03.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4.Nc3 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.e5 dxe5 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Re1 Qc7 The position is equal. **9.b3 Bf5 10.Bb2 Rd8 11.Na4**

[11.h3!?]

11...f6 1.31/21

[11...Bg4± 0.69/20]

12.Nxc5± Nh6 13.d4 exd4 2.01/20

[13...Rd5± 1.18/19 was called for.]

14.Nxd4+- A dynamic duo of knights.

14...Rd5? 3.53/24

[14...Qb6 1.83/19 might work better.]

15.Nce6 Bxe6 16.Nxe6

[16.Rxe6 c5 17.Qf3 *(17.Rc6? Qd7-+)* 17...Rxd4 18.Bxd4 cxd4∓]

16...Qd6 17.Nxg7+ Kf7 18.Qe2 Kxg7 19.Qxe7+ Nf7 20.Qe6 Qf4 21.g3

[21.Qxc6 Rhd8 22.Bc3 Ne5 23.Bxe5 fxe5±]

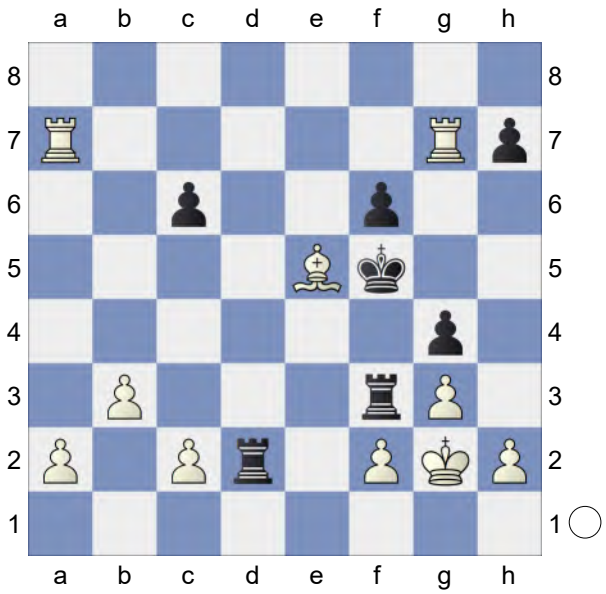
21...Qf5 22.Qxf5 Deflection

[22.Qxc6 Rd2 23.Rf1 Rxc2 24.Bxf6+ Kh6=]

22...Rxf5 23.Rad1 g5 24.Rd7 g4 25.Ree7 Rf8 26.Rxa7 Kg6 27.Bc1 Rf3 28.Be3 Ne5 29.Bd4

[29.Rxh7 c5 30.Bxc5 Rf7]

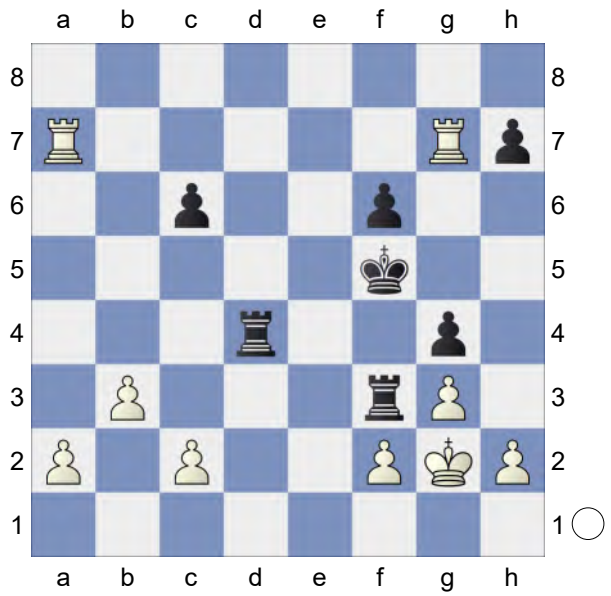
29...Rd8 30.Bxe5 Rd1+ 31.Kg2 White is clearly winning. **31...Rd2 32.Rg7+ Kf5**



33.Bd4 Rxd4

[33...Rxc2 34.Ra5+]

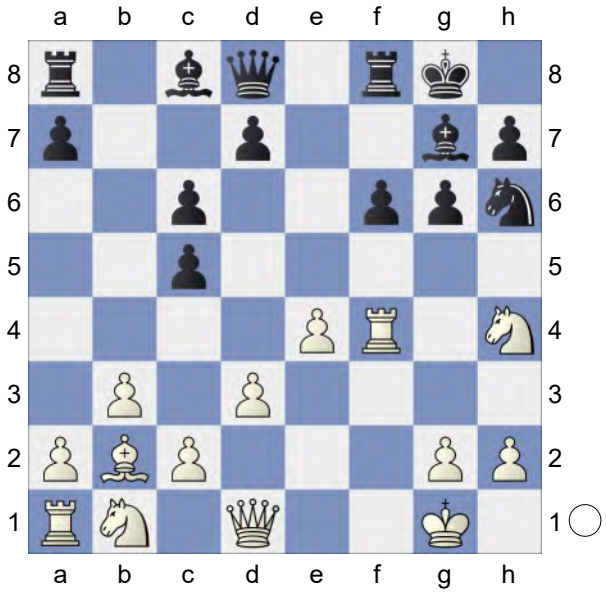
(Diagram)



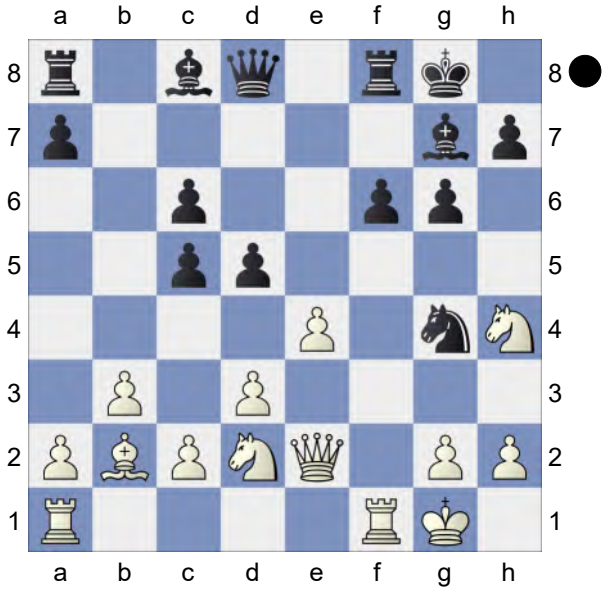
34.Rxg4!! Decoy **34...Kxg4**
[34...Rxf2+ 35.Kxf2]
35.h3+ Deflection **35...Kf5 36.Kxf3 Rd2 37.Rxh7 Rxc2 38.Rh5+**
White took control after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.34
1-0

247 **B30**
□ **Nurgaliyev,Sauat** **2374**
■ **Fawzy,Adham** **2493**
Masters Open 2024 (5.30) 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 e5 7.Nh4 g6
Dodges Qh5 **8.f4** White is slightly better.
8...exf4 9.Rxf4 -0.24/25
[⌓9.d3 0.27/18]
9...Nh6 10.Bb2 Bg7 11.d3 0-0



aiming for ...g5. **12.Rf1!** **d5** **13.Nd2** -0.92/18
[13.Nf3= -0.28/19]
13...Ng4∓ **14.Qe2** -1.15/20
[⌓14.Qe1 -0.79/22]



Prevents Ne3. **14...d4** -0.01/23
[14...Bh6!∓ -1.15/20 ...Ne3 is the strong threat. 15.Nhf3 Re8]
15.Nc4 -0.64/21 Prevents Ne3.
[15.Ba3= -0.01/23]
15...f5∓ **16.Nf3** -1.33/25
[16.g3!∓ -0.69/21 Re8 17.Qf3 fxe4 18.dxe4]
16...Re8? 0.21/22
[16...fxe4∓ -1.33/25 17.dxe4 Ba6]
17.h3= **Nf6** **18.e5↑** White has the initiative. **18...Ba6** **19.c3** -0.23/24
[19.Bc1± 0.43/21]
19...dxc3 **20.Bxc3** **Nd5** 0.55/24
[20...Bxc4= 0.01/21 21.bxc4 Nd7]
21.Bd2 **Nb4** **22.Bxb4** **cxb4** **23.Rfe1** **Qd5** **24.Rad1** **Rad8** **25.Qf2** **c5** **26.d4** **cxd4!** **27.Rxd4** **Qc5** **28.Rxd8** **Qxf2+** **29.Kxf2** **Rxd8** **30.Na5** -0.89/21
[30.Nd6= 0.00/23]
30...Rc8 -0.49/21
[30...Bf8∓ -0.89/21 Threatens to win with ...Rd5. 31.g4 Rc8 32.gxf5 gxf5 33.Rg1+ Kf7]
31.Nd4 -1.14/22
[31.Rd1∓ -0.49/21]
31...Bf8∓ Hoping for ...Bc5. **32.Kg3** -1.92/20
[32.Ndc6∓ -0.87/20]
32...Rc5-+
[Don't do 32...Rc3+ 33.Kh2∓]
33.Nac6 **Bb7** -1.19/17
[33...Rc3+-+ -2.17/22 34.Kh2 Bb7]
34.Nb8 -2.31/20
[34.Nxa7∓ -1.19/17 Ra5 35.Nac6 Rxa2 36.Rc1]
34...Rc3+ **35.Kh2?** -3.82/18
[35.Nf3 -1.78/16]
35...Bh6 **36.Rf1** **Be3** **37.Rd1** **Bf4+** A strong pair of Bishops. **38.Kg1** **Bxe5** **39.Nxf5** -5.44/19
[39.Nb5 -3.43/20 is a better defense. Rc8 *(39...Bxb8 40.Nxc3 bxc3 41.Rd8+ Kf7 42.Rxb8±)* 40.Nd7]
39...gxf5 **40.Rd8+** **Kf7** **41.Rd7+** **Ke6** **42.Rxb7** **Bg3** **43.Kf1** **Re3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.22 (precise)
0-1

248 **B30**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2706**
■ **Zieba,Hubert** **2233**
Titled Tue 6th May Late blitz (2) 06.05.25
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.Nf3** **c5** **2.e4** **Nc6**
[2...e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 Nge7 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 e5 9.a3 0-0 10.b4 h6 11.Be3 b6 12.Nh4 Be6 13.b5 Na5 14.c4 Qd7 15.Nc3 Rae8 16.Rb1 Kh7 17.Nd5 1-0 Damljanovic,B (2535)-Kindermann,

S (2519) EUCup 18th Chalkidiki 2002 (2)]

3.Bb5N

[3.d3 d6 4.Nbd2 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4 Rb8 9.Nc4 b6 10.Nfd2 a6 11.f4 Bg4 12.Bf3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Ne3 Ra8 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.f5 c4 0-1 Canonne,A-Seret,J (2350) Gonfreville op 1980 (5) 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.e5 dxe5 20.Nxc4 Rd8 21.Qe2 e4 22.Nh4 Qa6 23.b3 Ne5 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Be3 Nxc4 26.Qxc4 Qxc4 27.bxc4 Rc8 28.c5 Ng4 29.Ng2 Nxe3 30.Nxe3 Bd4 31.Re1 Rxc5 32.Re2 Rc3 0-1 Zier,L-Ig5 (2350) Champigny sur 37/338 1984 (5) 33.Kf2 f5 0-1 Cantore,A-Petrillo,M ITA-ch39 corr 1989]

[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 e5 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Na3 h6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 d5 12.dxc5 dxe4 13.Nd2 Nf5 14.Rb1 Nxe3 15.fxe3 f5 16.b4 a5 17.b5 Nb4 0-1 Nogueira,N (2079)-Dubyna (2538) CCLA ch-1 8586 1985 (8)]

3...e5 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1 g6 6.a3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d3 d5 9.Bxc6 bxc6 White is slightly better. **10.h3 h6 11.Na4 Qd6 12.Be3 d4 13.Bd2 c4** 1.35/22 **14.Bb4** 0.90/22

[⌓14.dxc4 1.35/22 Bb4 is the strong threat. Qc7 15.Bb4]

14...Qe6 1.35/20

[⌓14...c5 0.90/22 15.Bxc5 *(15.Nxc5 a5=)* 15...Qd7]

15.dxc4± White is more active.

[15.Nc5 Qd6±]

15...Rd8 2.46/22

[15...g5± 1.23/21]

16.b3 a5 2.22/21

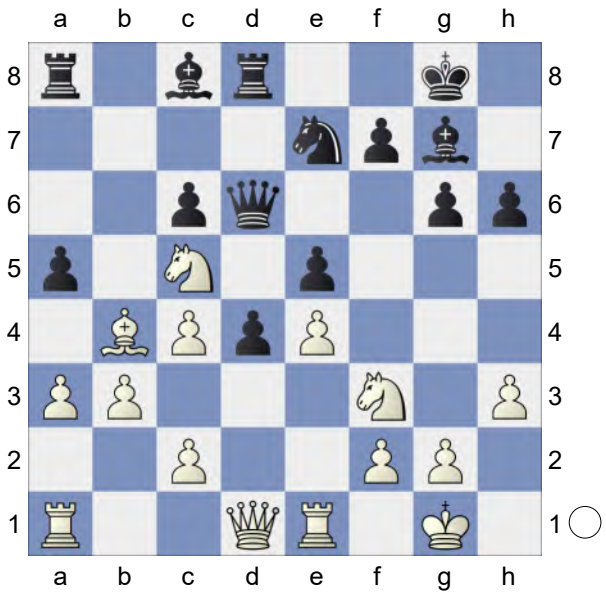
[16...g5 1.63/20]

17.Nc5 0.85/22

[17.Bc5+- 2.22/21 is more deadly.]

17...Qd6 1.99/24

[17...Qf6± 0.85/22]

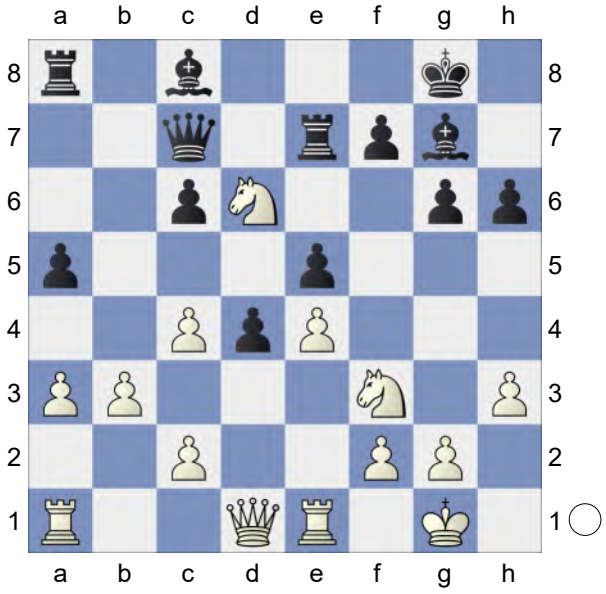


18.Nb7!+- Pin, Discovered Attack, Double Attack. Excellent horsemanship.

18...Qc7 19.Bxe7

[19.Nxd8?! axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Qxd8=]

19...Re8 20.Nd6 Rxe7



21.c5 This move loses the game for Black. **21...Ba6** 2.71/22

[21...Qa7± 1.28/23]

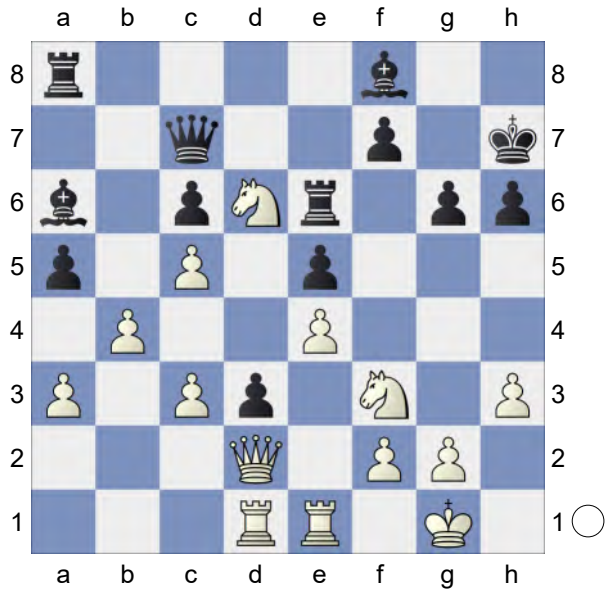
22.b4 Re6 23.Qd2 Bf8 24.Rad1

[24.bxa5 Qa7 25.c3 *(25.Qb4? Rb8-+)* 25...Qxc5 26.Nxf7 Kxf7 27.cxd4 exd4∓]

24...Kh7 25.c3

[25.bxa5 Bxd6 26.cxd6 Qxd6±]

25...d3



26.c4! Bxd6 27.cxd6 Qxd6 28.Qc3

[28.bxa5 Bxc4 *(28...Qxa3 29.Qxd3 Qxa5 30.Rc1±)* 29.Qc3 *(29.Qb4 Bb5±)* 29...Ba6±]

[28.Qxd3 Qxd3 29.Rxd3 Bxc4= *(29...axb4 30.axb4 Bxc4 31.Rd7=)*]

28...Rd8? 3.91/23

[28...Rb8 1.81/23]

29.Re3

[29.bxa5 Qc5±]

29...axb4 30.axb4 Rb8 31.Rb1

[31.Qxd3 Qxd3 32.Rexd3 Rxb4=]

[31.Rdxd3 Qxb4 32.Rd7 *(32.Nxe5? Qxc3 33.Rxc3 Rxe5-+)* 32...Kg7±]

31...Re7 3.96/24

[31...Rd8 2.74/22 32.Rd1 Qe7 33.Rexd3 *(33.Rdxd3 Rb8±)* 33...Rxd3 34.Rxd3 c5]

32.Rxd3 Qe6 33.Rc1 Reb7 5.87/23

[33...Ree8 3.82/20 was necessary. 34.Re3 Rbd8]

34.Nxe5

[Weaker is 34.Qxe5 Bxc4 35.Rd6 Qxe5 36.Nxe5 Bb5+-]

34...Rxb4 35.Rf3 f6 36.Ng4 Rxc4 13.55/24

[⌓36...Qxc4 4.85/21 37.Nxf6+ Kh8 38.Nd7+ Qxc3 39.Rfxc3 *(39.Rcxc3 Ra8+-)* 39...R8b7 40.Rxc6 Rxd7 41.Rxa6 Rxe4 42.Rxg6 h5 43.Rh6+ Kg7]

37.Qd2

[37.Qxf6? Rxc1+ 38.Kh2 Qxf6 *(38...Qxe4?* perishes. *39.Qd6+-)* 39.Rxf6 Kg7-+]

37...Rxc1+ 38.Qxc1 Be2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) / Black=0.98 **39.Qxh6+**

1-0

249 **B30**

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2736**

■ **Tikhonov,Viacheslav** **2183**

Titled Tue 19th Aug Early blitz (1)

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...Nd4N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1*

g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)*
11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nxd4 cxd4 5.c3 a6 6.Bd3 Qb6 0.83/18

[6...g6± 0.32/20]

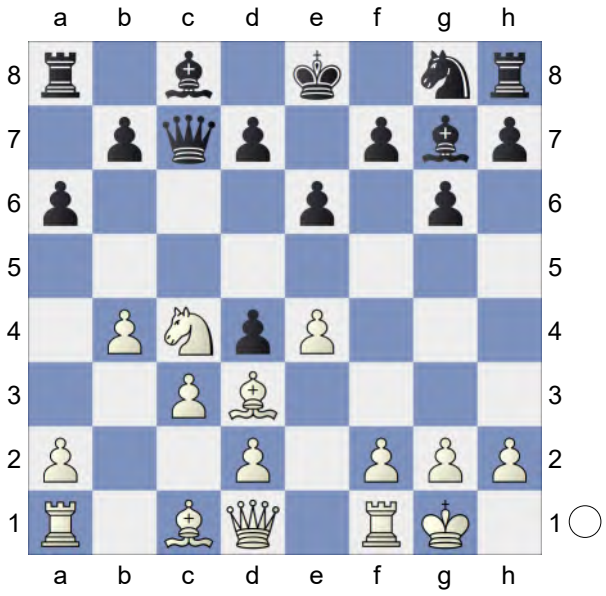
7.0-0± e6 8.b4 0.29/18

[White should play 8.Bc2± 0.98/18]

8...g6 0.86/18

[8...d5!= 0.29/18 remains equal.]

9.Na3 Bg7 10.Nc4 Qc7



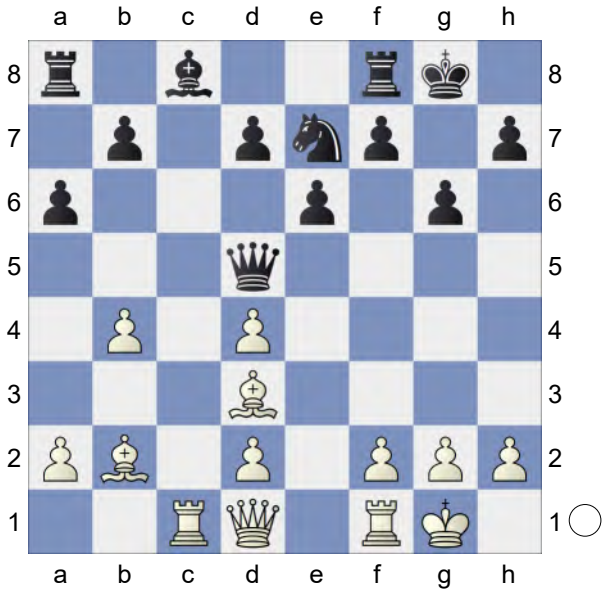
11.e5! Bxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.cxd4 Qd5 14.Bb2 Ne7 1.14/22

[14...Nf6± 0.64/22]

15.Rc1 0.77/21

[⌓15.Qc2 1.14/22]

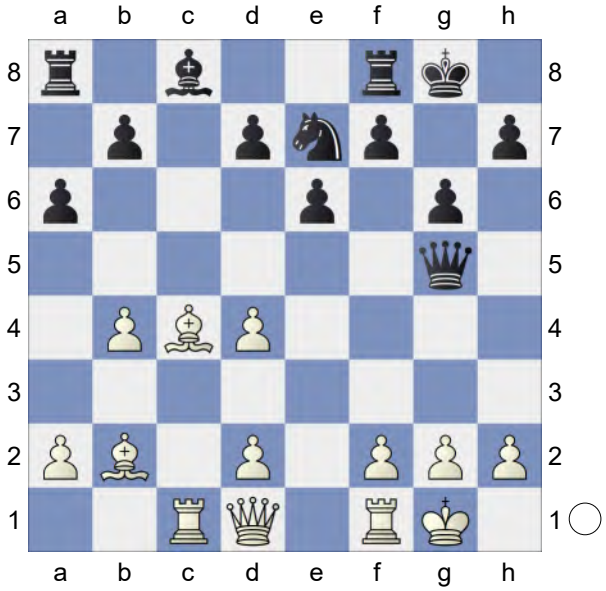
15...0-0



16.Bc4 0.19/22

[16.Rc5!± 0.78/21 Qd6 17.Be4]

16...Qg5



17.d5! Nxd5 18.Qf3 b5? 2.29/27

[18...d6!± 0.61/20]

19.Bxd5+- exd5 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Rc7** Against Bb7

20...d6? 6.29/22

[20...Rb8 2.11/21 21.Qc3 f6]

21.Qc3? 0.62/25
[21.Re1+- 6.29/22 Intending Qxf7+! and mate. Qf5 22.Qc3]
21...Qe5 1.71/25
[21...d4!± 0.62/25 22.Qxd4 Qe5]
22.Qxe5 0.29/26
[22.Qc6+- 1.71/25 Qxb2 23.Qxa8]
22...dxe5= 23.Bxe5 Be6 24.Rfc1 White is much more active. **24...d4 25.a3 d3 26.R1c5 Rfc8 27.f3 h6** 1.85/22
[27...Rxc7± 0.97/21 28.Rxc7 Re8]
28.Kf2 1.12/20
[28.Rb7+- 1.85/22]
28...g5 1.91/22
[28...Rxc7± 1.12/20 is a better defense. 29.Rxc7 *(29.Bxc7 Bc4=)* 29...Re8]
29.R5c6 0.51/21
[29.Rb7+- 1.91/22]
29...Rxc7± 30.Rxc7 Endgame KRB-KRB **30...Rc8 31.Ra7 Rc6 32.Ke3 Bc4 33.g4** Hoping for Ra8+. **33...f6** 0.74/24
[33...Re6± 0.34/25 34.Kd4 f6]
34.Bc3± Rd6 35.Kf2 Re6 36.Kg3 Rd6 37.Rc7 Bf7 1.67/23
[37...Bd5± 0.88/23 38.Ra7 Bb3]
38.f4+- Kg7 39.f5 0.50/27 Repels Re6
[39.h4+- 1.98/23]
39...Kg8± 40.Kf2 Bc4? 3.78/26
[Black should play 40...Bb3± 0.53/26]
Weighted Error Value: White=0.49/ Black=0.68 **41.Ke3?** 0.53/26
[41.a4+- 3.78/26 Bb3 42.Rc8+ Kg7 43.a5]
1-0

250 **B30**
□ **Zhu,Hengyi** **2361**
■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**
Masters Open 2024 (9.34) 12.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

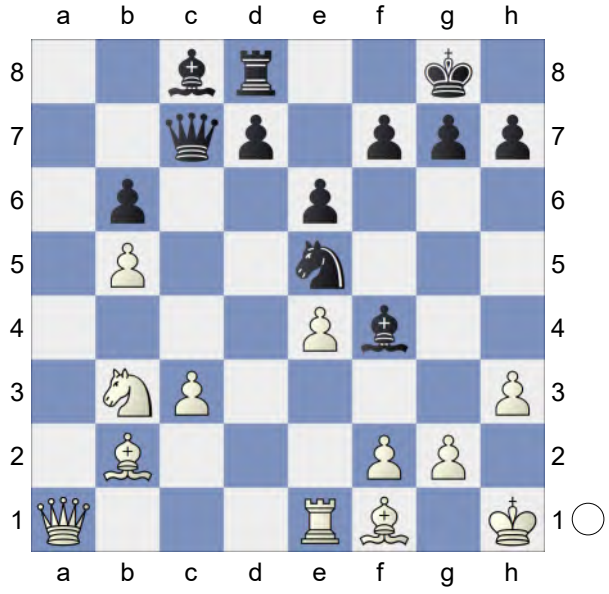
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8) 0-1 Cortes Ventura, J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 1-0 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7

Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975]

5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4 Prevents Bc5. '!' 9.b4 is better than 9.d3. 9.b4 ist besser als 9.d3. **9...Bd6 10.Bb2** White is slightly better. **10...dxc3 11.dxc3 Qc7 12.h3 0-0 13.Nd2 Rd8 14.a4** 'N'

[14.a3 b6 15.Nf3 a5 16.Rb1 h6 17.Bc1 Bb7 18.Be3 Bf4 19.Qd2 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 ½-½ Brudnak,J (2369)-Kurylo,R (2421) VW-Cup13 Gr18 email 2021]

14...Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Bf4 16.Nb3 b6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 Ne5



20.c4! Bb7

[20...d6 21.g3]

21.Bd4 -0.07/25

[21.c5± 0.38/24 Ra8 22.Ba3]

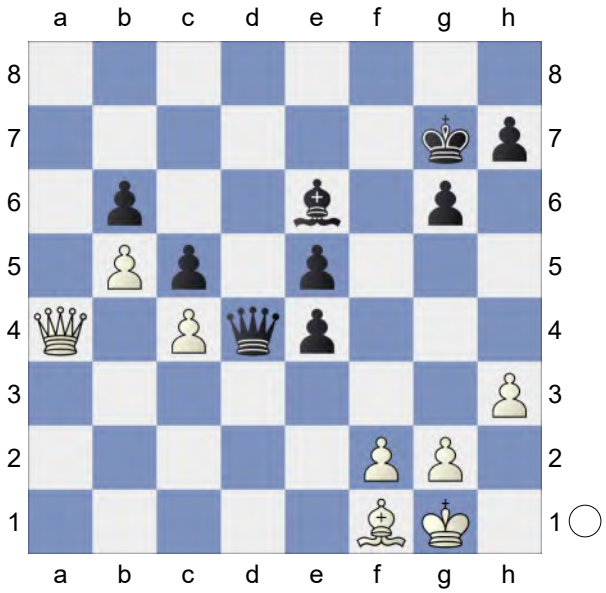
21...d6 22.Qc3 f6 0.46/21

[22...h5= 0.00/25]

23.Be3 0.10/20

[23.g3± 0.46/21 was preferrable. Bh6 24.f3]

23...Bxe3= 24.Qxe3 Nd7 25.Rd1 Nc5 26.Nxc5 dxc5 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 Endgame. KQB-KQB Endgame. KQB-KQB **28.Bd3 Qd4 29.Qe2 e5 30.Kg1 g6 31.Qc2 Kg7 32.Kh2 Bc8 33.Bf1 Be6 34.Kg1** The position is equal. **34...f5 35.Qa4 fxe4**



...e3 would now be deadly. **36.Qa7+ Bf7** ...e3 is the strong threat. **37.Qxb6** And now Qc7 would win. **37...e3! 38.fxe3 Qxe3+ 39.Kh2! Qf4+ 40.Kg1 Qd4+ 41.Kh2 Qf4+ 42.Kg1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

251 **B31**

□ **Grischuk,A.** **2732**

■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2650**

Corsica Masters KO (1.1) 01.11.2003

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2

Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 b6 7.0-0 e5 8.Nbd2 Ne7 White is slightly better. **9.a3 a5 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.a4** 0.27/19

[11.Be3!± 0.74/21]

11...Ba6 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Bxc4 0.84/22

[13...f6± 0.37/20]

14.bxc4± Rae8 15.Re1 Nc8 16.Rb1 Re7 17.Qd2 h6 18.Bc3 Kh7 19.Re2 White is much more active. **19...Rfe8 20.Qc1 Qd7 21.Qb2 Qc7 22.Nh2 f5 23.exf5! gxf5 24.Nf1 e4** 2.08/21

[24...Re6± 1.21/20 was necessary. 25.Rbe1 Nd6]

25.Ng3 exd3 2.68/25

[25...Bxc3± 1.38/20 26.Qxc3 Qe5]

26.Rxe7+-

[26.cxd3 Rxe2 *(26...Bxc3 27.Rxe7+ Rxe7 28.Qxc3+-)* 27.Nxe2 Rxe2 28.Qxe2 Bxc3∓]

26...Qxe7 27.cxd3

[27.Nxf5 Bxc3 28.Qxc3 dxc2±]

27...Bxc3 28.Qxc3 Kg6 29.Nf1 Qe5 30.Qxe5 0.64/21

[White should play 30.Qc2+- 2.28/21]

30...Rxe5 Endgame KRN-KRN **31.Nd2 Re2 32.Rd1 Nd6 33.Kf1 Re8** 0.84/22

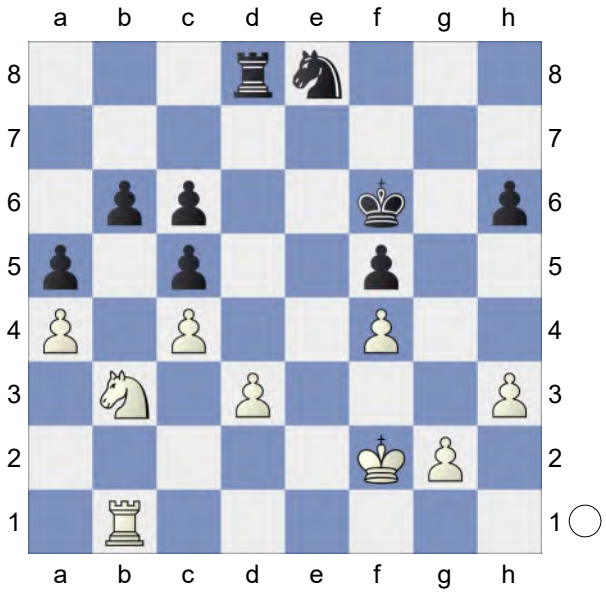
[33...Re7± 0.45/24 is superior.]

34.Rb1± Rb8 35.Nb3 Rd8 36.f4 Kf6 37.Kf2 0.31/23

[⌓37.Nd2 0.70/23 Rb8 38.Nf3]

37...Ne8 1.16/23

[37...Nc8± 0.31/23 38.Nc1 Rd4]



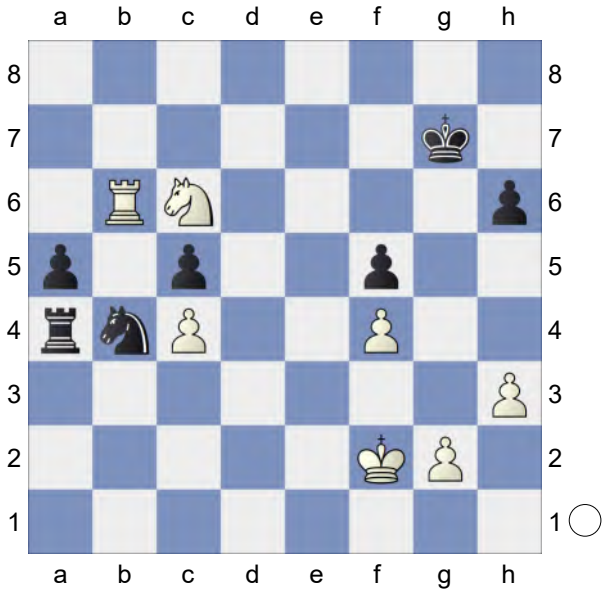
38.Ke3 0.01/23

[38.Nc1!± 1.16/23 Rb8 39.Ke3]

38...Nc7!= 39.Nd2 Na6 40.Rxb6 Nb4 41.Nf3 Rxd3+ 42.Ke2 Hoping for Rxb4!. **42...Ra3 43.Ne5 Ra2+ 44.Kf3 Ra3+ 45.Kf2 Rxa4** 0.66/24

[45...h5!= 0.01/25]

46.Nxc6± This costs Black the game.
46...Kg7? 3.25/24
[46...Ra2+± 0.42/24 47.Kg3 Kf7]

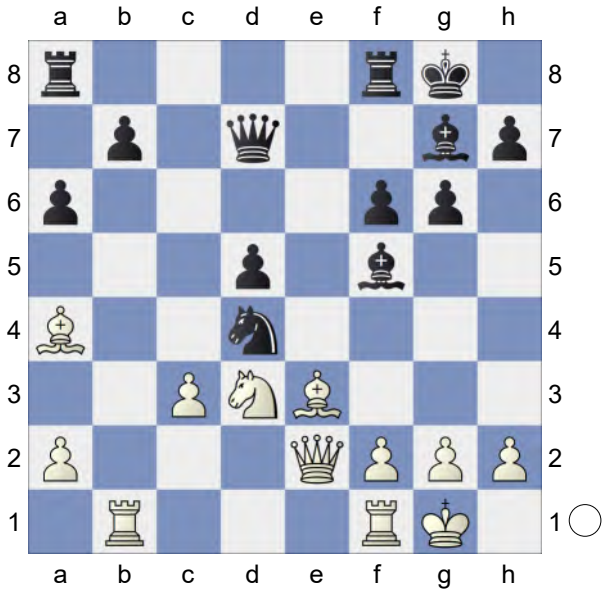


47.Ne7!+- Ra2+ 48.Kg3 a4 49.Nxf5+ Kf8? 5.71/22
[49...Kh7 2.14/23 50.Rxh6+ Kg8]
50.Rb8+
[Less strong is 50.Rxh6 a3±]
50...Kf7 51.Nxh6+ Ke7 52.Rb7+ Kd6 53.Ra7 Nc6 54.Nf7+ Ke6 55.Ng5+ Kf5 56.Rc7 Nd4 57.Rxc5+ Kg6 58.Nf3 Nf5+ 59.Kh2 a3 6.78/25
[⌓59...Ne3 4.36/25 60.Nh4+ Kf7]
60.Ne5+ Kf6 61.Ra5 Ra1 62.c5 a2 63.c6 Nd6 64.c7 Ke7 65.Ra6 Nc8 66.f5 Intending g4 and mate. **66...Re1 67.Re6+ Kf8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.43
68.Ng6+
1-0

252 **B31**
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2747**
■ **Van Wely,Loek** **2617**
Amber Blindfold rapid (5) 25.03.2004
[Kitty Kat]

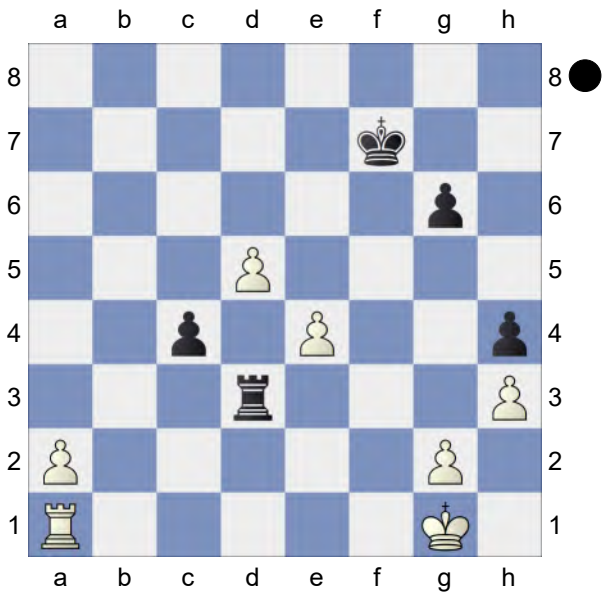
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Qe2 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Be3 f6 11.exf6 exf6 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.bxc3

Be6 14.Rab1 Qd7 15.Ne1 -0.01/19
[15.c4± 0.48/20]
15...a6= 16.Ba4 Bf5 17.Nd3 Nxd4



Discovered Attack **18.Bxd4 Qxa4 19.Nc5**
[19.Rxb7 Rae8 20.Qf3 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Qxa2 22.Rfb1]
19...Qc4 20.Qxc4 dxc4 21.Rxb7 Rfb8 22.Rxb8+ Rxb8 23.Nxa6 Ra8 24.Nb4 Bf8 25.Nd5 Kf7 26.Ra1
[26.Bxf6? Ra5 27.g4 *(27.Rd1? Be6-+)* 27...Be6-+ *(27...Rxd5? 28.gxf5 Kxf6 29.fxg6-+; 27...Bxg4 28.Ne3∓)*]
26...Ra3 27.h3
[27.Bxf6? Be6 28.Bd4 Bxd5-+]
27...h5 28.f3
[28.Bxf6? Be6 29.Bh8 Bxd5-+]
28...h4 29.Nxf6
[29.Bxf6? Be6 30.Bxh4 Bxd5-+]
29...Bg7 30.Ne4 Bxd4+ 31.cxd4 Bxe4 32.fxe4 Endgame KR-KR. White is two pawns up. **32...Rd3! 33.d5**

(Diagram)



Re3? 3.61/26
[33...Kf6!= 0.28/23 and Black is okay.]
34.a4? 0.14/27
[34.Rf1++- 3.61/26 Ke7 35.Kf2 Rxe4 36.Re1 Rxe1 37.Kxe1]
34...Rxe4 The position is equal. **35.a5** Threatens to win with a6. **35...c3 36.a6 c2 37.Rc1 Ra4**
[37...Rc4 with more complications. 38.Kf2 Kf6 39.a7 Ra4]
38.Rxc2 Rxa6 39.Kf2 Ra3 40.Rd2 Ke7 41.d6+ Kd7 42.Rd4 Ra2+ 43.Kf3 g5 44.Rd5 Ra3+ 45.Ke4 Rg3 46.Rd2 g4 47.hxg4 Rxg4+ 48.Kf3 Rg3+ 49.Kf2 Ra3 50.Rd4 h3 51.g4 Rb3 52.Rd1 Ra3 53.g5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.16 (very precise) **53...Ra2+**
½-½

253 **B31**
□ **Hoang,Canh Huan** **2382**
■ **Chen,Qi B** **2484**
Thailand op Chiang Mai (5) 01.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
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[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.d3 Nf6 7.h3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.0-0 b6!
White is slightly better. is currently scoring better than 9...Qe7. wohl besser als 9...De7. **10.a3 0-0 11.Qd2 Re8 12.Bh6 Bh8N**
[Predecessor: 12...Nf8 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4 Qd6 16.Na4 Nxb6! would now be deadly. Bb7 17.Qc3 0.27/23 *(17.Nb2± 0.65/19* is more appropriate.*)* 17...f6= 18.Rfd1 Red8 1.00/21 ;½-½ Yildiz Kadioglu,B (2244)-Kushka,A (2164) EU-ch (Women) 11th 2010 (10) *(18...Qc7± 0.31/20)*]
13.Nh2 f6 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ne5 16.Rf2 0.22/21
[16.Nf3± 0.65/18]
16...a5 17.Raf1 Ra7 18.b3 Nf7 19.Nd1 -0.23/25
[19.Bg3± 0.50/21]
19...a4= 20.b4 -0.65/22
[20.bxa4= -0.23/21 c4 21.Be3]
20...cxb4 -0.19/18
[20...c4∓ -0.65/22]
21.Qxb4 c5 22.Qd2 -0.88/21
[22.Qb1= -0.27/21 remains equal.]
Black continues to play with concentration. **22...c4 23.Ne3 cxd3 24.Qxd3** -2.54/23
[Better is 24.cxd3∓ -0.65/20 Rd7 25.Nd5]
24...Rd7-+
[Less strong is 24...Ba6 25.Qxd8 Nxd8 *(25...Rxd8 26.Rb1∓)* 26.Rd1=]
25.Nd5 f5! 26.Qg3? -3.77/26
[26.c4 -2.02/22 b5 *(26...Rxe4? 27.Re2-+; 26...fxe4 27.Qc2∓)* 27.exf5 bxc4 28.Qc2 gxf5 *(28...Rxd5? 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Bc7∓)* 29.Ne3]
26...Rxe4 27.Bc7

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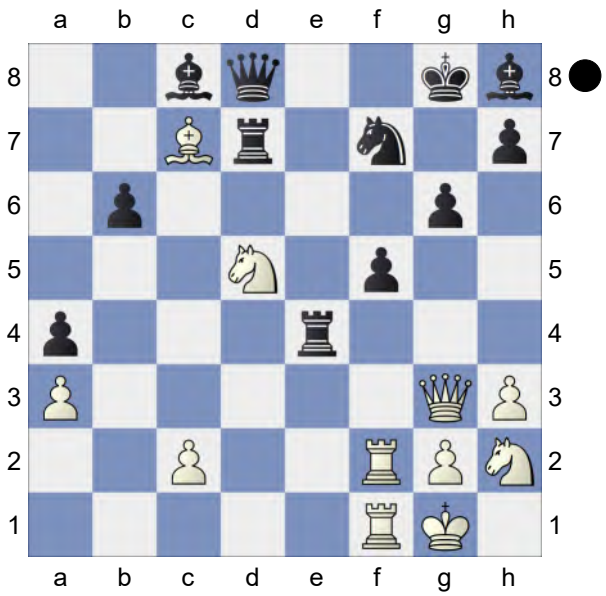

Rxc7 28.Qxc7 Qxc7 29.Nxc7 Bd4 Pin **30.Nf3 Bxf2+ 31.Rxf2 Bb7** Repels Nd5 **32.Rd2 Re3 33.Nd4 Rxa3 34.Nde6 Bc6** Inhibits Rd7. **35.Nd4 Rc3 36.Rd1 Rc4 37.Nxc6 Rxc6** Endgame KRN-KRN. Black is two pawns up. **38.Nd5 Kg7 39.Rb1 Rxc2 40.Rxb6 Rc5 41.Nb4** -8.14/22

[⌓41.Nf4 -4.67/26 Rc4 42.Nd5]

41...Ra5 42.Na2 Ne5 43.Rb7+ Kh6 44.Rb4 a3 45.Rb3 Kg5 46.Kf2 h5 47.Ke3 h4 48.Rc3 Ra4 49.Kf2 Kf4 50.Rb3 g5 51.Rc3 g4 52.Rb3 Nc4 53.hxg4 fxg4 54.g3+ hxg3+ 55.Rxg3 Nd2

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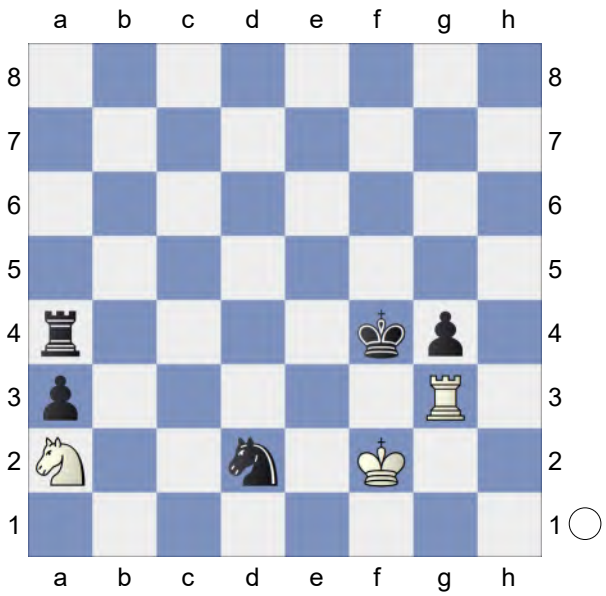

(→ ...Ne4+) **56.Rd3 Ne4+ 57.Kg2 Ra8 58.Rb3 Ke5 59.Rd3 Ra7 60.Kh2 Kf4** White must now prevent ...g3+. **61.Kg2 Ra8?** 0.01/20

[Black should try 61...Ra6-+ -9.10/22 62.Rb3 Ra4]

62.Rb3= Ra4? 0.01/21

[62...Ra5-+ -8.11/23 63.Rb1 Ra4]

63.Rd3! Ng5 Black is clearly winning. **64.Rb3 Nf3 65.Rc3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/Black=0.26 (precise) **65...Rd4**

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254 **B31**

□ **Ivanchuk,Vassily** **2711**

■ **Filippov,V.** **2615**

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[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5

Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 Qe7 10.Bh6 Bxh6 11.Qxh6 f6 12.Nh4

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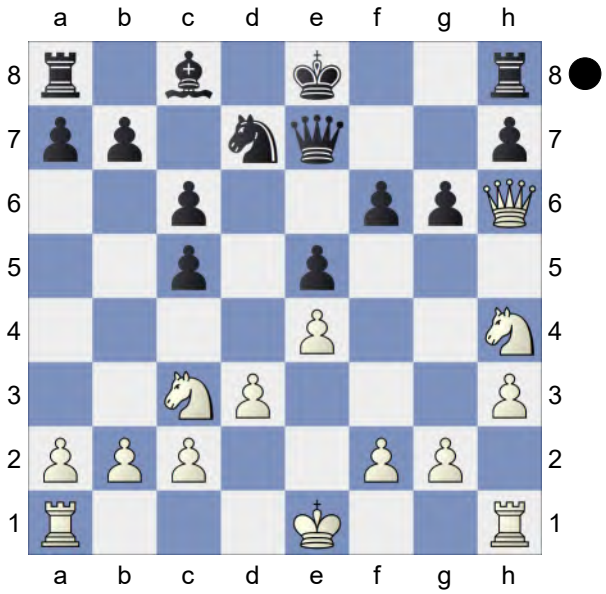


Qf8 13.Qd2 Qe7 White is slightly better. **14.0-0-0 f5** 0.95/20 **15.g3** White is more active. **15...f4 16.Ng2** 0.24/20

[16.Nf3± 0.77/21]

16...fxg3= 17.fxg3 Nf8 18.h4↑ White has the initiative. **18...h5 19.Rdf1 Ne6** 0.86/22

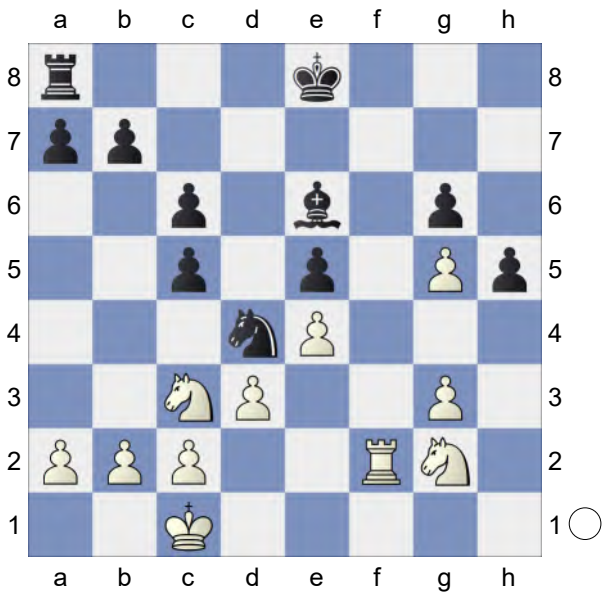
[19...Be6± 0.42/20 deserves consideration.]

20.Rf2± Nd4 21.Qg5 Qxg5+ 1.87/23

[21...Rg8!± 0.69/26]

22.hxg5+- Rf8 23.Rhf1 Rxf2 24.Rxf2 Nh4 is the strong threat. **24...Be6**

(Diagram)



25.Na4! b6
[25...Bxa2 26.Nh4 *(26.Nxc5 b6+-)*]
26.c3 Nb5 27.Nh4 0-0-0 28.c4
[28.Nxg6 Rxd3 29.Rh2 Rxg3 30.Rxh5 Rg1+ *(30...Bxa2 31.c4∓)* 31.Kc2 Rg2+ *(31...Bxa2 32.Nxe5 Bb1+ 33.Kd2-+)* 32.Kd3 Rg3+ *(32...Bxa2 33.Nxe5 Nd6 34.Ke3∓)* 33.Kc2 Rg2+ *(33...Bxa2 34.Nxe5 Rg1 35.c4∓)* 34.Kb1 Kb7∓ *(34...Rg1+ 35.Kc2∓)*]
28...Rxd3 29.cxb5 cxb5 30.Nc3 b4 31.Rf6 1.25/22
[31.Nd5+- 2.35/23]
31...Bc4± 32.Nd5 Bxa2 33.Rf3 1.07/26
[33.Rxg6? Bb3-+]
[White should try 33.Rf8+ 1.54/27 Kb7 34.Rf3 *(34.Nxg6 Bb3±)*]
A mistake that costs the game.
33...Rd4? 4.66/24
[33...Rxf3± 1.07/26 34.Nxf3 Bxd5 35.exd5 Kd7 36.Nxe5+ Kd6 37.Nxg6 Kxd5 38.Nf4+ Ke5]
34.Nf6 Rc4+ 5.23/23
[34...Bf7 3.36/23 might work better. 35.Nxh5 Discovered Attack Ba2]
35.Kd2+- White is clearly winning.
35...Bb1 36.Ke3 a5 37.Nxg6 a4 38.Rf1
[38.Nxh5 a3 39.bxa3 *(39.Nxe5?* loses. *Rxe4+ 40.Kf2 a2-+)* 39...Rc3+ 40.Ke2 Rxf3 41.Ne7+ *(41.Kxf3? bxa3 42.Ne7+ Kd7∓)* 41...Kd8 42.Kxf3 bxa3 *(42...Kxe7? 43.axb4 cxb4 44.Ke3-+)* 43.Nc6+ Kc7∓]
38...a3 39.Rxb1 a2 40.Ra1 b3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.92 **41.Nxe5**
[And not 41.Nxh5 Rc3+ 42.bxc3 b2 43.Ne7+ *(43.Rxa2 b1Q=)* 43...Kd8 44.Nc6+ *(44.Rxa2 b1Q=)* 44...Kc7 45.Rxa2 b1Q=]
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255 **B30**
□ **Demchenko,Anton** **2619**
■ **Viana Da Costa,Fernando** **2228**
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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-

Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975) 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Nbd2 Ng6 0.75/22

[6...Qc7= 0.30/21]

7.h4± h5 8.g3!? -0.38/21 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[8.e5± 0.60/21]

8...e5∓ 9.b3 d6 10.Bb2 Be7 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.0-0-0N

[12.Nc4 Nf8 0.62/20 *(12...f6=* 0.00/22 *)* 13.Ne3± Bc8 14.0-0-0 Ne6 15.Rdf1 Nd4 16.Qd1! Be6 17.Nd2 f6 18.f4 ½-½ Aarav,D (2349)-Blanco Acevedo,C (2300) Zahara de la Sierra 2nd 2023 (5)]

12...Nf8 0.43/20

[12...0-0= -0.09/20]

13.Nc4 Ne6

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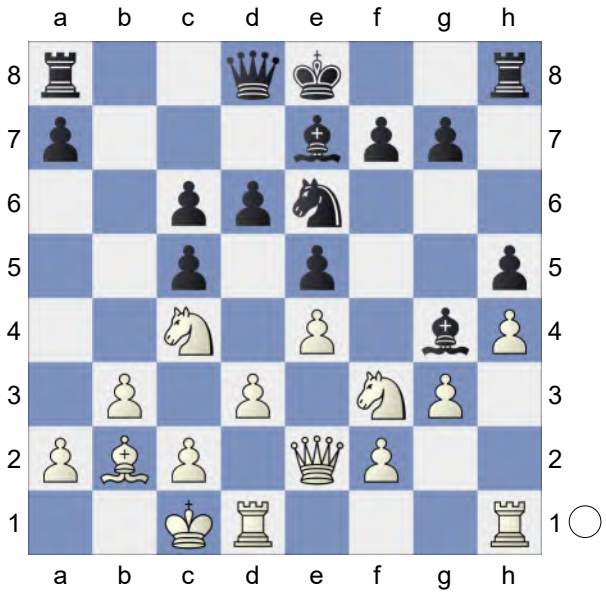

and ...Nd4 should not be overlooked

14.Ne3 Nxg4 is the strong threat.

14...Bxf3 1.36/20

[14...Nd4= 0.21/20 keeps the balance. 15.Bxd4 Bxf3 *(15...cxd4 16.Nxg4 hxg4 17.Nh2±)* 16.Qxf3 cxd4]

15.Qxf3± g6 16.Qe2 1.05/21

[16.Qg2+- 1.61/22]

16...Bf6 17.Kb1 0.81/22 White is more active.

[⌓17.Rdf1 1.21/19]

17...Qe7 1.39/19

[Black should try 17...Nd4 0.81/22 18.Qf1 a5]

18.Qd2 0-0 1.89/20

[18...0-0-0± 1.28/20 19.Nc4 Kd7]

19.Rdg1 1.43/19

[19.Rdf1+- 1.89/20]

19...Bg7 2.58/21

[19...Kh7± 1.43/19 might work better. 20.g4 Rh8]

20.g4+- hxg4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.37 **21.h5**

[21.Rxg4 Bh6 22.Qd1 *(22.h5 Bxe3 23.fxe3 g5±)* 22...Bf4±]

[21.Nxg4 Kh7 22.h5 g5=]

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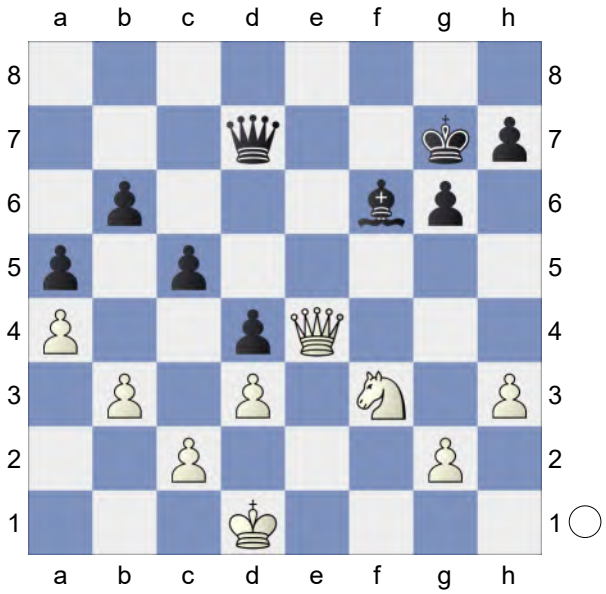
256 **B31**
□ **Nunn,John D M** **2580**
■ **Bogdanov,Valentin** **2323**
Wch Seniors 65 30th (11) 26.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.Qd2 Qe7 10.0-0 Nf8 11.Nh2 Ne6 12.Rae1!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **12...0-0** The position is equal. **13.Ne2 Bd7 14.Kh1N** 0.27/22
[Predecessor: 14.Bh6 f6 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.f4 exf4 17.Nxf4 Nd4 18.Nf3 b6 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.c4 ½-½ (31) Latas,P (2248)-Evaristo,C (2254) ICCF email 2018]
[14.f4± 0.68/24 feels stronger.]
14...Rad8 15.b3 b6 16.a4 Nd4 17.Ng3 Rde8 18.Qd1 Qh4 19.Qd2 Qd8 20.f4 f5 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.exf5 exf4 23.Rxe8 Qxe8 24.Qxf4 Bxf5 25.Nxf5 Rxf5 26.Qd2 White is weak on the dark squares **26...Rxf1+ 27.Nxf1=** Endgame KQB-KQN **27...Qe5 28.Nh2 c5 29.Nf3 Qf5 30.Qe1 Qd7 31.Qe4 Bf6 32.Kg1 Kg7 33.Kf1 a5 34.Ke2 Qe7** 0.88/24
[34...Qd6± 0.36/24]
Black is now going downhill. **35.Kd1±** White is more active. **35...Qd7** 2.08/25
[35...Qd6± 1.09/23]



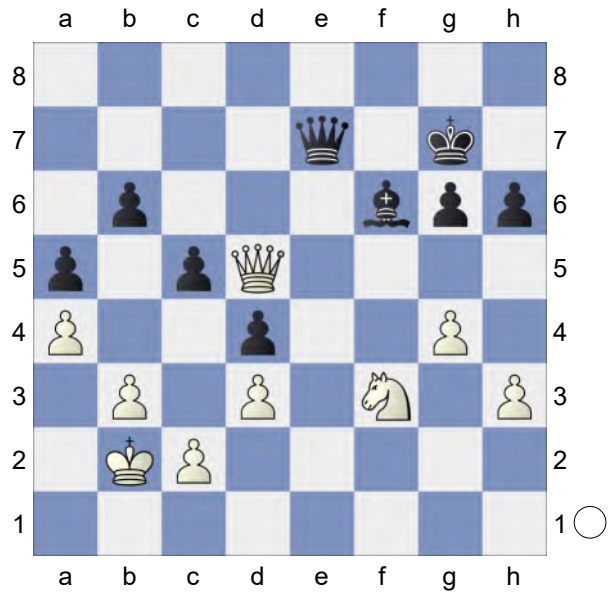
36.Kc1!+- Kf7 2.35/24
[36...h5 1.69/24 37.Kb2 Qd8]
37.Kb2 Kg7 38.g4 Qe7? 4.51/27

[38...h6 1.98/24 was called for. 39.h4 c4]

39.Qd5 1.90/27

[⩲39.g5 4.51/27]

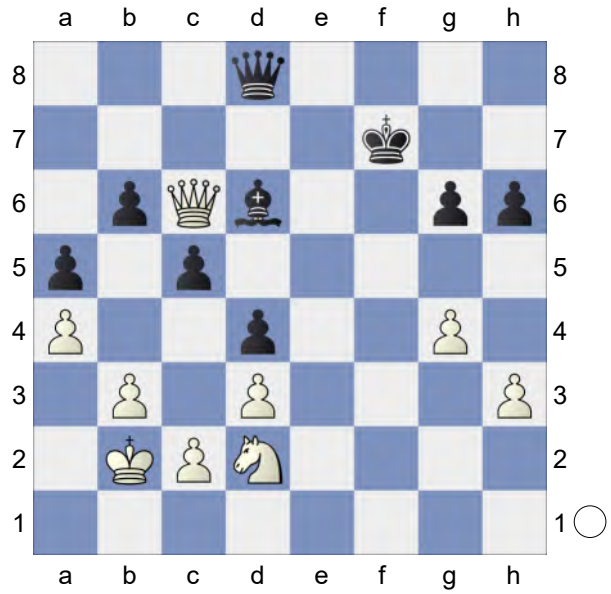
39...h6



40.Nd2! Qc7 Repels Qc6 **41.Ne4 Be7 42.Kb1 Kf8 43.Qe6 Kg7 44.Kb2 Qd8?** 4.50/27

[44...Bg5 2.16/29 45.Qd5 Bh4]

45.Qc6 Kf7 46.Nd2 Bd6



47.h4! Bf4 48.Ne4 Qxh4 6.90/25

[⩲48...h5 4.11/27 49.g5 Be5]

49.Qb7+ Kf8? 7.27/24

[49...Qe7 3.95/24 50.Qxb6 h5]

50.Qxb6 White is clearly winning.

50...Qxg4 51.Qxc5+

[51.Qxa5 c4 52.Qd8+ *(52.dxc4 Bc1+ 53.Kxc1 Qxe4+-; 52.bxc4 Qc8+-)* 52...Kf7 53.Qf6+ *(53.dxc4 Bc1+ 54.Kxc1 Qxe4+-; 53.Qxd4 cxb3 54.Qf6+ Ke8+-; 53.bxc4 Qe6+-)* 53...Ke8 54.bxc4 *(54.Qxd4 Ke7+-)* 54...Qf5+-]

51...Kf7 52.Qxa5 Black must now prevent Qa7+.

[Weaker is 52.Qxd4 Qf5±]

52...Qg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/Black=0.77 **53.Qd5+**

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257 **B30**

□ **Jain,Kashish Manoj** **2308**

■ **Mamedov,Edgar** **2441**

Masters Open 2024 (4.42) 06.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]

3...e6 4.Bxc6N

[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4*

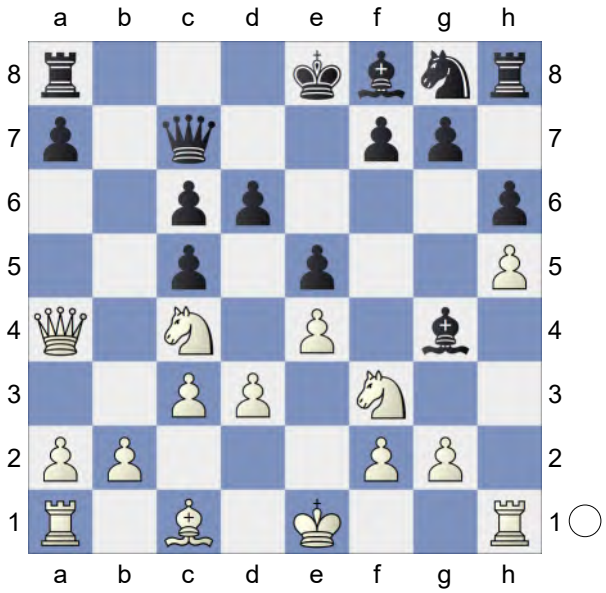
Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.h4 d6 7.h5 e5 8.c3 Bg4 White is slightly better. **9.Qa4 Qc7** 0.61/21

[9...Rb8= 0.17/20]

10.Nbd2 Ng8 11.Nc4 h6 1.03/19

[11...Bd7± 0.55/20]

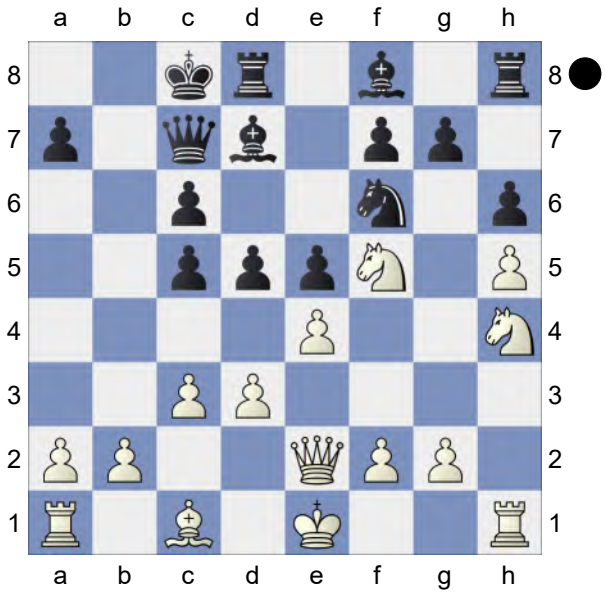


12.Ne3 0.18/22

[Better is 12.d4!± 1.03/19]

12...Bd7 13.Nh4 Nf6 14.Qd1 d5 15.Nef5 0-0-0 16.Qe2

(Diagram)



c4! Deflection **17.dxc4 dxe4 18.Be3 Be6 19.0-0** -0.79/21

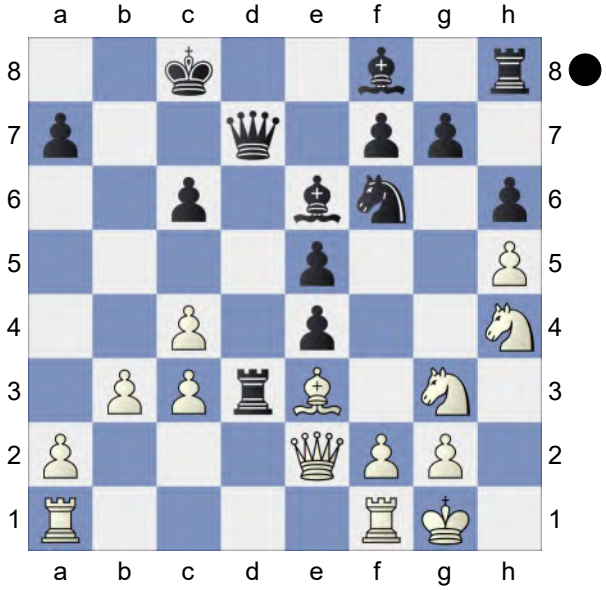
[19.Ng3∓ -0.40/19]

19...Rd3∓ 20.Ng3 Qd7 Threatens to win with ...Be7!

[20...Bxc4?! 21.b3 Ba6 22.c4±]

21.b3? -2.32/20

[21.Qc2∓ -0.67/18]



Now White is beyond hope. **21...Be7!-+**

22.Bc1? -3.81/20

[22.f3 -2.25/19]

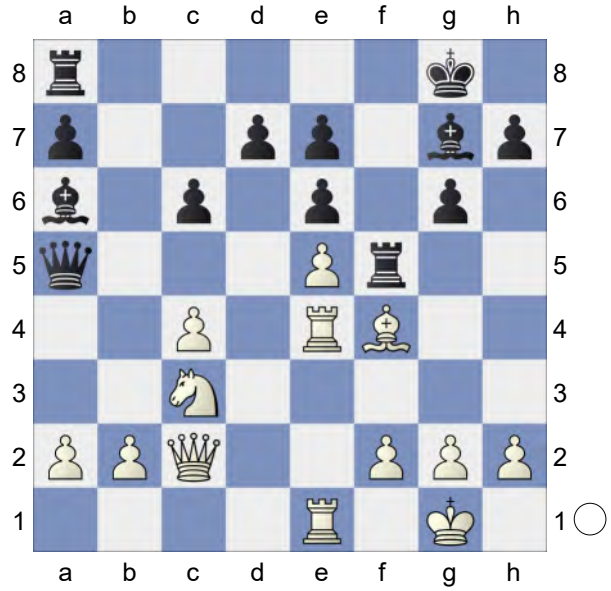
22...Bg4

[22...Rxc3 23.Nxe4 Rd3 24.Nf3=]
23.f3 exf3
[23...Rxc3 24.Kh1∓]
24.Nxf3 -5.81/19
[⌓24.gxf3 -3.86/14 e4 *(24...Nxh5 25.Ne4∓; 24...Rxc3 25.Be3∓; 24...Bxh5? 25.Nxh5 Nxh5 26.Qxe5-+)* 25.Bf4 Nxh5 26.Nxh5 Bxh5 27.Qxe4 Bc5+ *(27...Bxh4? 28.Qe5-+)* 28.Kh1]
24...Bc5+ This pair of bishops is nice.
[24...Bxh5 25.Nxh5 Bc5+ 26.Kh2 Nxh5 27.Nxe5±]
25.Kh1 e4 26.Nxe4 Bxf3 Deflection
27.Rxf3 Rd1+ 28.Kh2 -#5/15
[28.Rf1-+ -5.17/20 Rxf1+ Deflection 29.Qxf1 Nxe4 30.Qf3 Nf2+ 31.Kh2]
28...Bg1+ 29.Kg3 Qg4# Weighted Error Value: White=0.55/Black=0.06 (flawless)
0-1

258 **B31**
□ **Zakhartsov,Vladimir** **2552**
■ **Dyachuk,Artem** **2312**
Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

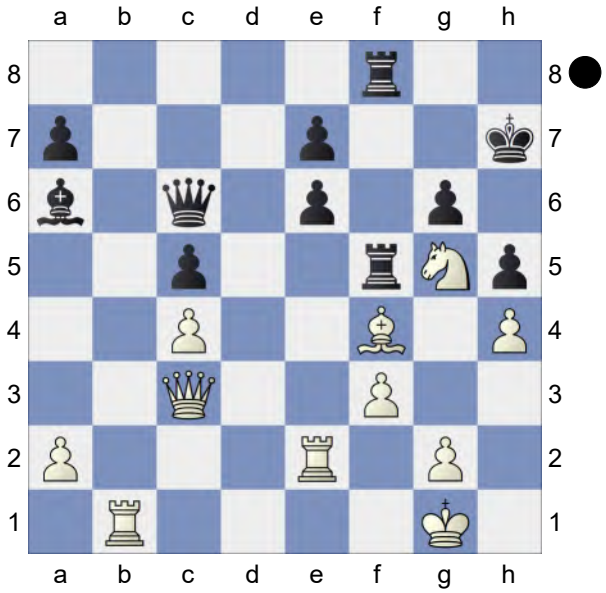
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Re1 Nge7 7.c3 d5 8.e5 d4 9.cxd4 cxd4 10.d3 0-0 11.Nbd2 a5 12.Nc4 b5 13.Nd6 Ba6 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rc1 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxd6 0-1 Mahalakshmi,M (2210)-Klepikov,N (2063) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (3)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer, A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.c4 Nc7 9.Nc3 Ne6 10.Re1 0-0 11.d4!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qb6N
[Predecessor: 12...Nxd4 13.Qxd4 d6 14.Bf4! dxe5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Bxe5 Bh6 17.Ne4 -0.44/25 *(17.Bc7=* -0.01/23 was preferable. *Rd2 18.Rxe7)* 17...f6∓ 18.Bc3 Kf7! ½-½ Klinova,M (2290)-Di Benedetto,D (2183) Olympiad Women-42 2016 (7. 3)]
13.Nxe6 The position is equal. **13...fxe6**
14.Qc2 Qd4 0.64/21
[14...Qc7= -0.12/21]
15.Re4± Qc5 1.77/21
[15...Qb6± 0.55/21]
16.Be3+- Qa5 2.22/21
[⌓16...Qb4 1.77/21 17.c5 Qb8]
17.Bf4? 0.37/21
[17.c5+- 2.22/21]

17...Ba6 1.38/20
[17...c5± 0.37/21]
18.Rae1 0.41/20
[White should try 18.Rd1± 1.38/20]
18...Rf5? 2.17/20
[18...c5± 0.41/20]



19.Bg3? 0.50/22
[19.c5!+- 2.17/20]
19...Raf8 1.20/21
[19...c5± 0.50/22]
20.b3 0.01/23
[20.c5± 1.20/21 and Ra4 should not be overlooked Qxc5 21.b4]
20...d5= 21.R4e2 dxc4 22.Re4 h5 0.41/23
[22...Rb8= -0.01/23]
23.h4 c5 24.bxc4 Bb7 25.R4e3 0.10/22
[25.R4e2± 0.46/23]
25...Qc7 0.73/20
[25...Bh6= 0.10/22]
26.Ne4 0.26/23
[26.Nb5± 0.73/20 Qc6 27.f3 *(27.Nxa7? Qxg2#)*]
26...Bh6 A strong pair of Bishops.
27.R3e2 0.03/22
[27.Rd3± 0.40/21]

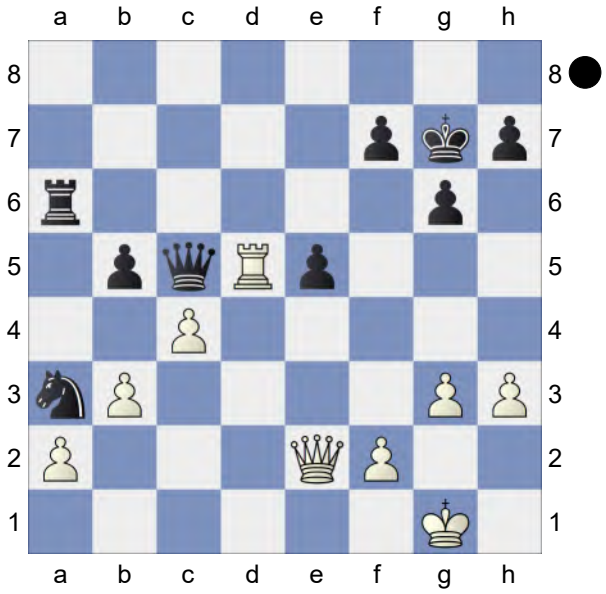
27...Kg7 28.f3 Qc6 1.61/20
[28...Bxe4± 0.41/23 29.Rxe4 *(29.Qxe4 Bf4=)* 29...Rd8]
29.Rb1 0.60/19
[29.Bf2+- 1.61/20]
29...Ba6 1.90/19
[Better is 29...Qc8!± 0.60/19]
30.Bf2+- Rxe5? 8.21/20
[30...Bf4 1.99/17 31.Nxc5 *(31.Bxc5 Bxe5 32.Bxe7 R8f7±)* 31...Bg3 32.Nxe6+ *(32.Nxa6 Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 Qxa6±)* 32...Qxe6 33.Bxg3 Rc8]
31.Qc3 Bf4 32.Bg3
[Weaker is 32.Bxc5 Kf7 33.Qa3 *(33.Bxa7 Qxc4 34.Rc2 Qd5=)* 33...Re8±]
32...Kh7 33.Bxf4 Ref5 34.Ng5+



Discovered Attack **34...Kg8 35.Rxe6 Qd7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=1.18 **36.Rxg6#**
1-0

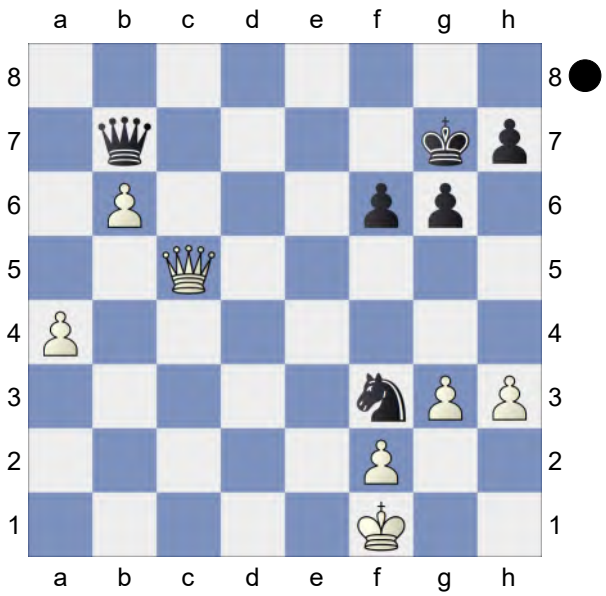
259 **B51**
□ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2327**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
USA-ch (Women) (1) 11.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ Kxb7 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8) 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8)]
4...Bd7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 e6 10.d3 Be7 11.Be3 0.00/22
[11.Nd2± 0.45/22]
11...d5! is more profitable than 11...0-0 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 11...0-0. **12.Bg5** -0.24/22
[⩲12.Qg3 0.20/21]
12...0-0 13.exd5N
[13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nd2 b5 16.Nb3 Qd6 17.Rad1 b4 18.d4 c4 19.Nc5 1-0 Rodchenkov,V (2296)-Andriasian,Z (2604) PRO League Stage rapid 2019 (1)]
13...Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd2 Rfd8 16.Rad1 b5 17.Nb3 Rac8 18.d4 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Qc7 20.Nxc6 Qxc6 21.Rd4 Ne7 22.Qd3 Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Nf5 24.Qd2 g6 25.Rd1 Kg7 26.Qe2 Qc5 27.Rd3 Ne7 28.g3 Nc6 29.Bg2 Ne5 30.Rd4 Nc4 31.Bb7 Rc7 32.Bxa6 e5! 33.Rd1 Ra7 34.b3!
[Wrong is 34.b4? Qc6 35.Bxb5 Qxb5-+]
34...Na3 35.c4? -2.03/21 **Rxa6-+ 36.Rd5**



Qc7 37.cxb5 Re6 38.Qb2 Repels Qc1+ **38...Qb7?** 0.00/37
[38...Qe7-+ -1.78/22 And now ...h5 would win. 39.Qd2 Qb7]
39.Rxe5= The position is equal.
39...Rxe5 40.Qxe5+ f6 41.Qc5 Nxb5 42.a4 Na7 43.b4 Nc6 44.b5 Ne5 45.b6 Nf3+ 46.Kf1

(Diagram)



Threatens to win with Qc7+. **46...Nd2+ 47.Kg1** Hoping for Qc7+. **47...Ne4 48.Qd4 Ng5 49.Qc5** Strongly threatening Qc7+. **49...Ne4 50.Qd4 Qc6 51.Qb2** b7 would now be deadly. **51...Nc5 52.a5 Nd3 53.Qd2 Ne5** (→ ...Nf3+) **54.Qb2 Nf3+ 55.Kf1 Qc4+ 56.Kg2 Ne1+ 57.Kg1! Nf3+ 58.Kg2 Ne1+ 59.Kg1! Qe4 60.Kf1 Qh1+ 61.Ke2 Qe4+ 62.Kf1 Nd3 63.Qc2 Qe1+ 64.Kg2 Qxa5 65.Qxd3 Qxb6** KQ-KQ **66.Qd7+ Kg8 67.Qe8+ Kg7 68.Qd7+ Kg8 69.Qe8+ Kg7 70.Qd7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

260 **B31**
□ **Aansh,Nandan Nerurkar** **2216**
■ **Bachmann,Axel** **2571**
Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 e6 6.Bc4 Bb4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Qc2 Ng6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ba2 0-0 11.Be3 a6 12.Na4 b5 13.Nc5 Nce5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.f4 Ng4 16.Bd4 d6 17.Nd3 Bb7 0-1 Devaux,N (1905)-Auvray,S (2034) Syre Memorial op 34th 2011 (3)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 9.Nc3 Bg4 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.h3 Bd7 0.90/18 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[11...Bxf3= 0.16/19 keeps the balance. 12.Qxf3 Nd7]
12.e5 0.45/23
[12.Bf4± 0.90/18]
12...Nd5±
[12...dxe5 13.Nxe5 Be8 1.09/21 *(13...Rc8± 0.55/21)* 14.Be3 0.37/19 *(14.b3± 1.09/21)* 14...Nd5± 15.Nxd5

cxd5 1.06/21 *(15...Qxd5± 0.31/23 16.Nf3 Bd7)* 16.Nf3 0.42/20 *(16.Qd2± 1.06/21)* 16...f6 17.Qd2 g5 18.Rac1 Bg6 1-0 Sigurdsson,S (2000)-Bjarnason,S (2130) ISL-chop Reykjavik 2013 (8)]

13.Nxd5 White is slightly better. **13...cxd5 14.exd6 exd6 15.Bf4 Bf5 16.Qb3** 0.01/22

[16.Qd2± 0.37/22]

16...Be4= 17.Rad1 Rb8 18.Qa3 Rb6 19.Nd2 Bc2 A strong pair of Bishops. **20.Rc1 Bf5 21.Nf3 Be4 22.Rcd1**

[22.Qxa7 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Bxd4∓]

22...h6 23.b3 -0.51/21

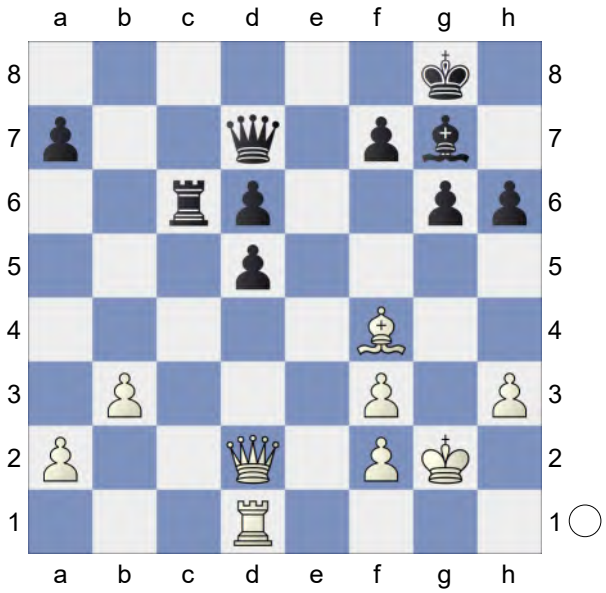
[23.Nh2= -0.06/21 was preferable.]

23...Bxf3 0.01/19

[23...g5∓ -0.51/21 24.Bh2 Qd7]

24.gxf3 Qd7 25.Kg2 Rc8 26.Rc1 Rxc1 27.Qxc1 Bxd4 28.Rd1 Rc6 29.Qd2 Bg7 1.60/25

[Black should try 29...Be5= 0.08/24]



30.Qxd5±

[30.Bxh6 Bxh6 31.Qxh6 Qe6=]

30...g5 2.36/25

[30...Ra6± 1.58/22 keeps fighting.]

31.Bxd6 Rc2 3.01/23

[⌓31...a6 1.79/22 32.Bc5 Qxd5 33.Rxd5 Bf8]

32.a4 Qe8? 5.13/25

[32...Bf8 1.96/24 33.Qd3 Rc8]

33.Bg3 aiming for Qf5. **33...Bf6 34.Qf5 Rc6** 5.44/23

[⌓34...Qe2 3.62/24 35.Re1 Deflection Qxe1 36.Qxc2 Kg7]

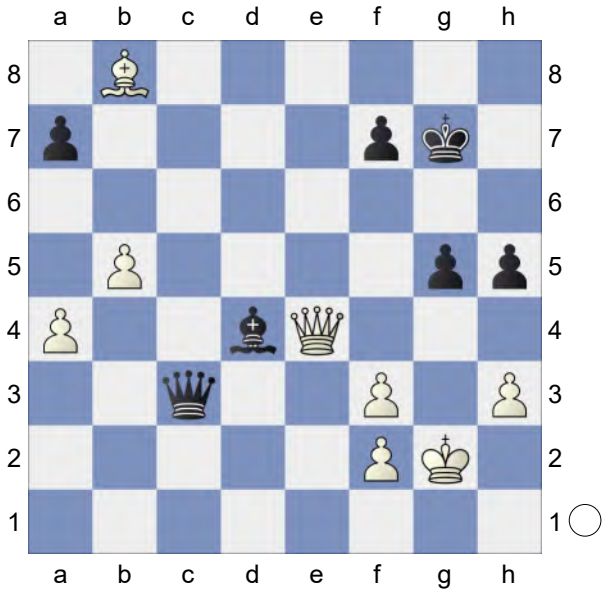
35.Qd7? 1.48/24

[35.Rd6+- 5.44/23 and White stays clearly on top. Rxd6 36.Bxd6]

35...Qa8? 7.35/23

[35...Qxd7± 1.48/24 36.Rxd7 Rc3]

36.Rd6+- Rxd6 37.Qxd6 Endgame KQB-KQB. White is a pawn up. **37...Kg7 38.b4 Qe8 39.b5 h5 40.Qd5 Qe1 41.Qe4 Qc3 42.Bb8 Bd4**

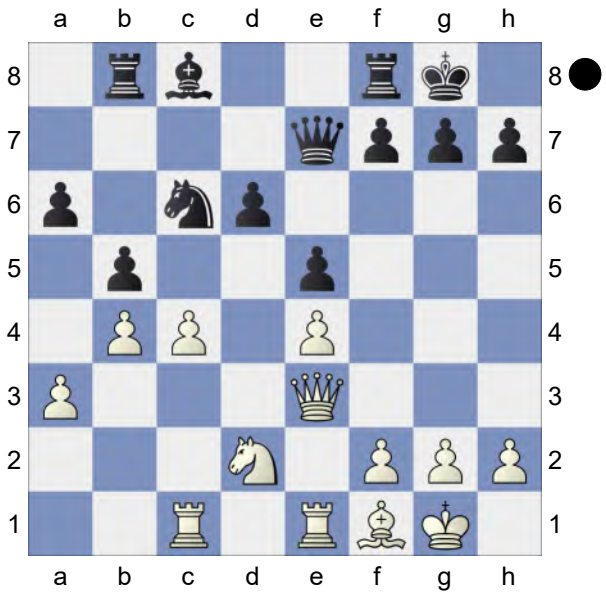


43.a5? 0.19/21 **Qb2!=** The position is equal. **44.Bg3 h4! 45.Qd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/Black=0.75 **45...f6** Loss on time!?

0-1

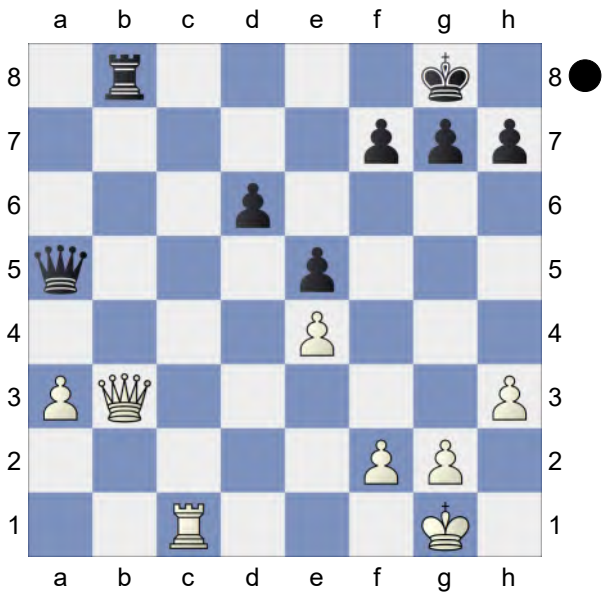
261 **B30**
□ **Madhvendra,Pratap Sharma** **2281**
■ **Rios Gomez,Cristhian Camilo** **2435**
Chennai op 15th (5) 05.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6**
[3...g6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 f6 10.Bh6 0-0 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.c4 Nc7 13.Nc3 d5 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Qc5 16.b3 e5 17.Rfe1 Bf5 18.Ne4 ½-½ Jamrich,G (2222)-8.♗d2 ♕e7 (2300) Antalya 90/(24) 2004 (10)]
4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4! 9.b4 scores better than 9.d3. 9.b4 punktet besser als 9.d3. **9...dxc3 10.dxc3** White is slightly better. **10...Be7 11.Bf4 d6N**
[11...d5 12.exd5 exd5 13.a4 0-0 14.Na3 d4 15.b5 axb5 16.Nxb5 dxc3 17.Nxc3 Qxd1 18.Raxd1 1-0 Vidit,S (2723)-Skliarov,V (2387) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st May Early blitz 2022 (7)]
12.Nd2 0-0 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.a3 b5 15.c4 e5 16.Be3 Bg5 17.Bxg5 Qxg5 18.Qe3 Qe7 19.Rac1



Threatens to win with cxb5. **19...Nd4 20.Nb3 Nxb3 21.Qxb3 Be6 22.Qe3 Qb7 23.Rc3 bxc4 24.Bxc4 Bxc4 25.Rxc4 Qb5** 0.84/21
[25...a5± 0.47/21]
26.Rec1 a5 27.h3 axb4 28.Rxb4 Qa5 29.Rxb8 0.18/23
[29.Qb3± 0.55/20 Ra8 30.Rc3]
29...Rxb8± Endgame. KQR-KQR
30.Qb3

(Diagram)

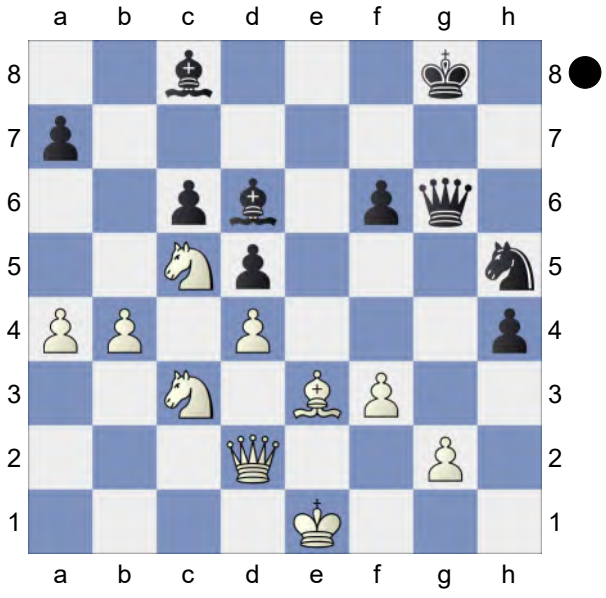


Deflection, Back Rank **30...Ra8 31.Qb7** White wants to mate with Rc8+. **31...Rf8 32.Qb4 Qxb4** The position is equal. **33.axb4=** KR-KR **33...Rb8 34.Rb1 f6 35.Kf1 Kf7 36.Ke2 Ke6 37.Kd3 d5 38.exd5+ Kxd5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

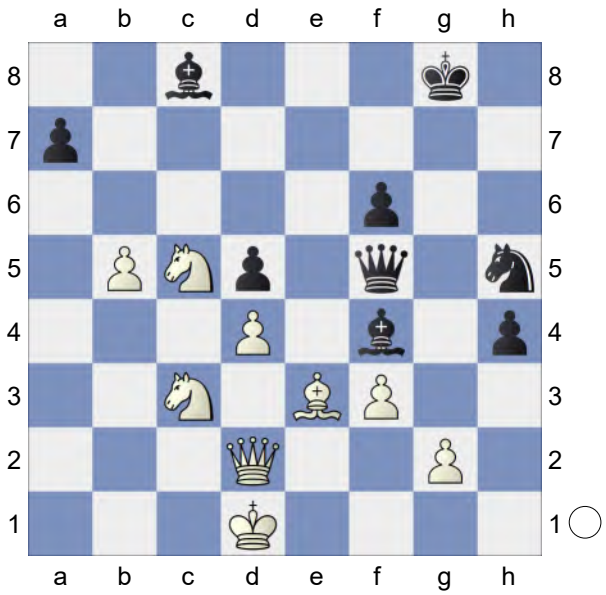
262 **B31**
□ **Rakhmatullaev,Almas** **2410**
■ **Nayak,Rajesh** **2292**
Masters Open 2024 (9.39) 12.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8) 0-1 Cortes Ventura, J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) *)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 1-0 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 1-0 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3 cxd4 10...Qb6 is the modern continuation. 10...Db6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **11.cxd4 Rb8 12.Qc1** White has an edge. **12...Bf5 13.Nc3**
[13.Qxc6 Qa5 *(13...Rxb2 14.Nbd2=)* 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Rfc8=]
13...Qd7 14.Nd2 f6 15.exf6 exf6

16.Nb3 g5 17.f3 Nd6 18.Nc5 Qf7 19.b3 h5 'N'
[19...Rbe8 20.Qd2 h5 21.Bf2 h4 22.h3 Bg6 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Re1 Bf8 25.Rxe8 Nxe8 1-0 Wang,H (2722)-Gukesh,D (2725) Gashimov Memorial Blitz 8th 2022 (16)]
20.Bf2 Rfe8 21.Bg3 Rxe1+ 22.Qxe1 Re8 23.Qd2 Bf8 24.h4 gxh4 25.Bxh4 Bc8 Threatens to win with ...Nf5. **26.Bg3** -1.09/23
[26.Re1= -0.12/22]
26...Nf5↑ Black has strong initiative.
27.Bf4 Qg6 28.Kf2 h4 White must now prevent ...Nxd4! **29.b4?** -2.87/22
[29.Rh1∓ -0.96/20]
29...Ng3? -0.32/19
[Black should play 29...h3!-+ -2.87/22 30.Rg1 Qh5]
30.Re1∓ Rxe1 31.Kxe1 -0.76/21
[31.Qxe1= -0.29/22 Nh5 32.Qe3]
31...Nh5∓ 32.Be3 Bd6 -0.46/20
[32...Ng7∓ -1.02/21 33.b5 cxb5 34.Nxd5 Qb1+ 35.Kf2 h3 36.gxh3 *(36.Nxf6+? Kf7-+)* 36...Bxh3]
33.a4 -1.08/21
[33.b5!∓ -0.46/20]



33...Bg3+ -0.33/21
[Black should try 33...Ng7!∓ -1.08/21 Strongly threatening ...Nf5. 34.b5 Nf5]
34.Kd1∓ Qf5 35.b5 cxb5 36.axb5 Bf4



37.Qa2! Be6
[37...Bxe3 38.Nxd5]
38.Bf2 -0.28/22
[38.Bxf4 0.18/21 feels stronger. Nxf4 39.Qxa7 Nxg2 40.b6]
38...h3= 39.gxh3
[39.Qxa7? h2 *(39...hxg2? 40.b6∓)* 40.Be1 h1Q-+ *(40...h1B 41.Qa2=)*]
39...Bf7 This pair of bishops is nice.
40.h4 Wards off Bg5
[40.Qxa7 Qxh3 41.Be1 Qxf3+ 42.Kc2 Qe3-+]
40...Qh3 -0.04/22
[40...Bh6∓ -0.45/21 is more appropriate. 41.Qe2 *(41.Qxa7?* loses. *Qxf3+ 42.Ne2 Nf4-+)* 41...Nf4]
41.Qe2 Qh1+
[41...Bd6 simplifies 42.Kc2 Nf4 43.Qd1 Kh8]
42.Kc2 Ng3 43.Bxg3 Bxg3 44.Nd7 Kg7 45.Nc5
[45.Qe7 looks sharper. Qxf3 46.h5

Qxh5 47.Qxf6+ Kg8 48.Qe7]
45...Qe1 The position is equal. **46.Nd3**
[46.Qxe1 simplifies Bxe1 47.Nd3 Bxh4 48.Kb3]
46...Qxe2+
[46...Qg1 feels hotter. 47.Qe7 Qxd4 48.h5 Be5]
47.Nxe2 Bxh4 Endgame. KBB-KNN Endgame. KBB-KNN **48.Nb4** Nc6 would now be deadly. **48...Be8 49.Nc3 Bf2 50.Kd3 Bg6+** Deflection **51.Ke2 Bxd4 52.Ncxd5 Bc5 53.Nd3 Bd6 54.Ke3 Be8 55.Nc3 Bc7 56.Nb4 Bb6+ 57.Kd3 Bg6+ 58.Ke2 Bd4 59.Ncd5 Bg1 60.Nc6 Be8 61.Kd3 Bg6+ 62.Ke2 Bc5 63.Nf4 Bf5** Wards off Ne6+ **64.Kd2 Kf7 65.Kc3 Bf2 66.Ne2 Bb6 67.Ned4 Bb1 68.Nb4 Kg6 69.Nd5 Ba2 70.Nxb6 axb6** KB-KN **71.Ne2 Bf7 72.Kb4 Kf5 73.Nc3 Kf4 74.Na4 Kxf3 75.Nxb6 Be8 76.Nd5 Bxb5 77.Nxf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

263 **B31**
□ **Predke,Alexandr** **2651**
■ **Balogun,Oluwafemi** **2235**
FIDE World Cup (1.1) 30.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nc7 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.h3 Ne6 was the old line (9...0-0). war die alte Variante (9...0-0). **10.d3 0-0 11.a4 a5 12.Be3!?** Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **12...h6 13.Ne4 b6** The position is equal.
14.Ng3N
[Vorgänger: 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Bf4 Qd7 16.Bh2 Rd8 17.b3 Qa7 18.Qd1 Nd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.f4 0.14/21 ;1-0 Pinchon,F (2236)-Cooper,R (2030) BCCA-SchM email 2016 [18] *(20.Re2±* 0.68/19 *)*]
14...Nd4 0.60/19
[14...f5= 0.10/21 15.exf6 exf6]
15.Bd2 0.01/20
[15.Nh4± 0.60/19]
15...Ra7 16.Re4 -0.41/23

[16.Bc3= 0.21/20]

16...Rd7 0.55/21

[16...f5!∓ -0.41/23 17.Re1 Qd5]

17.Bc3 -0.13/22

[White should play 17.Nxd4± 0.55/21 cxd4 18.Qc1]

17...Rd5 0.23/22

[⌓17...f5! -0.13/22 18.Re1 f4]

18.Bxd4 cxd4 19.Qd2 Be6 1.03/23

[19...Qc7= 0.20/21 keeps the balance.]

20.Rae1± Qd7 1.39/23

[Black should play 20...Rd7!± 0.70/22]

21.Rh4 White is more active. **21...c5?** 3.13/21

[21...h5± 1.21/21]

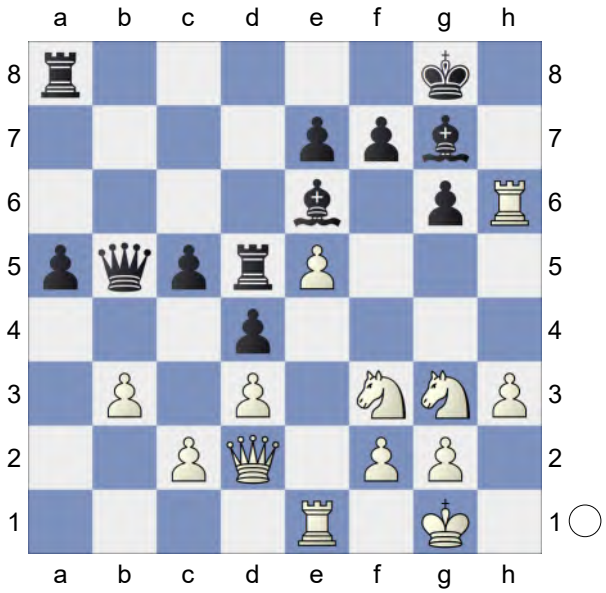
22.b3? 1.17/20

[22.Rxh6!+- 3.13/21 and the rest is easy. Hoping for Qg5!. Qxa4 23.Rh4]

22...Ra8? 3.75/21

[22...h5± 1.17/20]

23.Rxh6+- b5 24.axb5 White is clearly winning. **24...Qxb5**



25.Re4! Qb8

[25...Qd7 26.Reh4]

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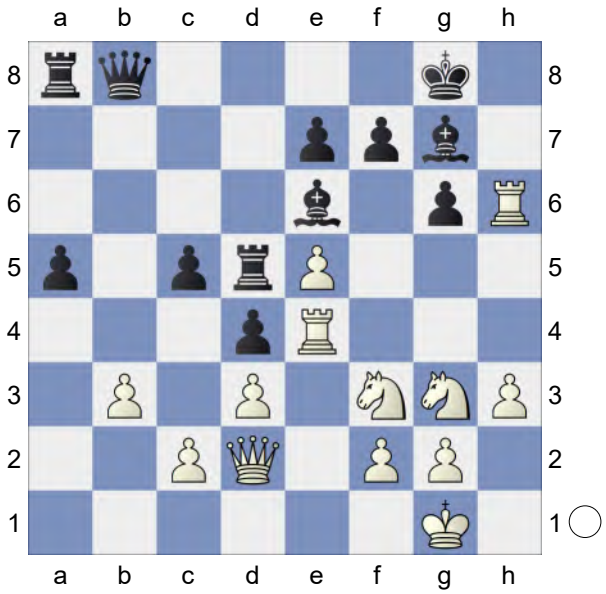
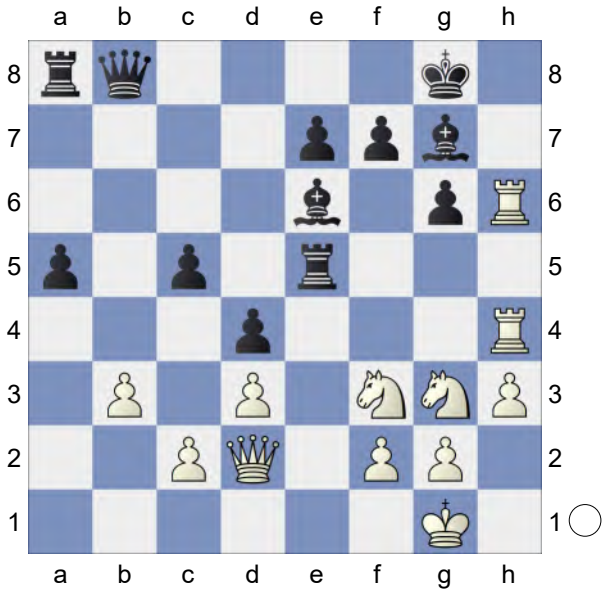


26.Reh4! Rxe5



27.Rh7!

[27.Nxe5 Qxe5 28.Rh7 a4 29.Rxg7+ Qxg7 30.bxa4 Qf6= *(30...Rxa4 31.Qf4=)*]

27...Qf8 28.Nxe5 Bxe5 29.Qg5 Bg7

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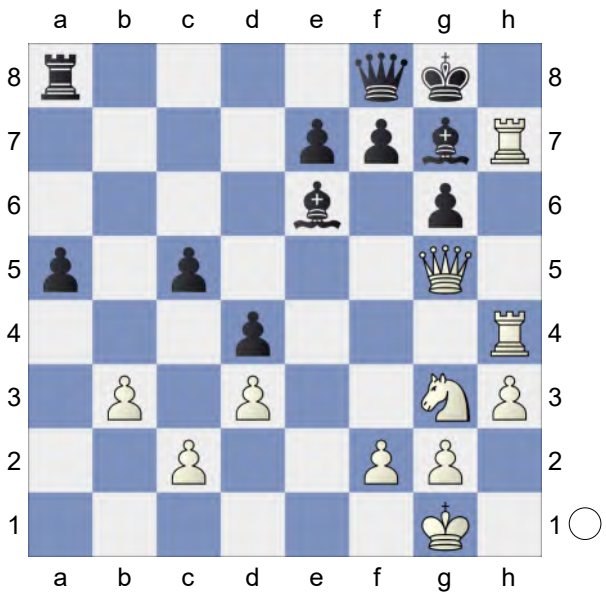
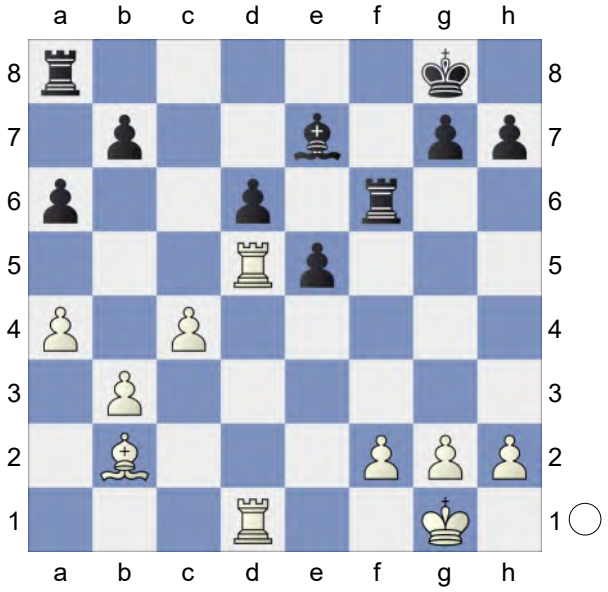


Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=1.30 **30.Nh5!**
1-0

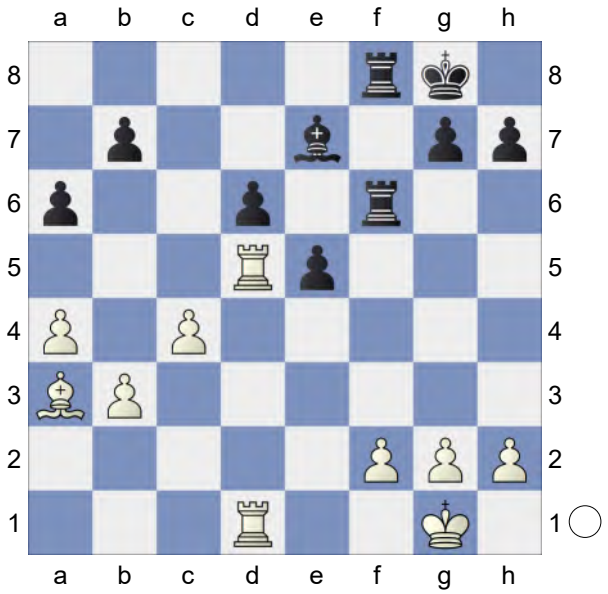
264 **B30**
□ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2692**
■ **Al Tarbosh,Ward** **2238**
Speed Chess Q2 blitz (1) 12.11.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.b3N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.Bb2 d6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 e5 0.90/22
[10...Qf6± 0.49/19 deserves consideration.]
11.Qe3!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
11...Be7 White is better. **12.c4N**
[Vorgänger: 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.c4 Be6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 f5 17.Rad1 Threatens to win with Qd2. fxe4 18.Ba3 0.40/20 1-0 (42) Ynojosa Aponte,F (2374)-Castro,J (2265) Caracas 2012 *(*Better is *18.Bc1±* 1.05/19 *)*]
12...0-0 13.Nc3 White is more active.
13...Bg5 0.98/20
[13...b5± 0.41/20]
14.Qd3 Be6 1.05/20
[14...b5!± 0.69/21]
15.Rfd1± Be7 16.a4 Qa5 1.29/23
[Black should play 16...Rc8 0.84/21]
17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5
[18.exd5 Rac8±]
18...Qxd5 19.Rxd5
[Reject 19.exd5?! b6±]
19...f5 1.74/28

[19...Rfd8± 0.99/22 20.Rad1 Rab8]
20.exf5+- Rxf5 21.Rad1 1.16/22
[⌓21.Ba3 1.54/27]
21...Rf6 1.87/27
[21...Raf8± 1.16/22]



22.Ba3! This move loses the game for Black. **22...Raf8?** 3.31/24
[22...Rc8± 1.23/23 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 b5]



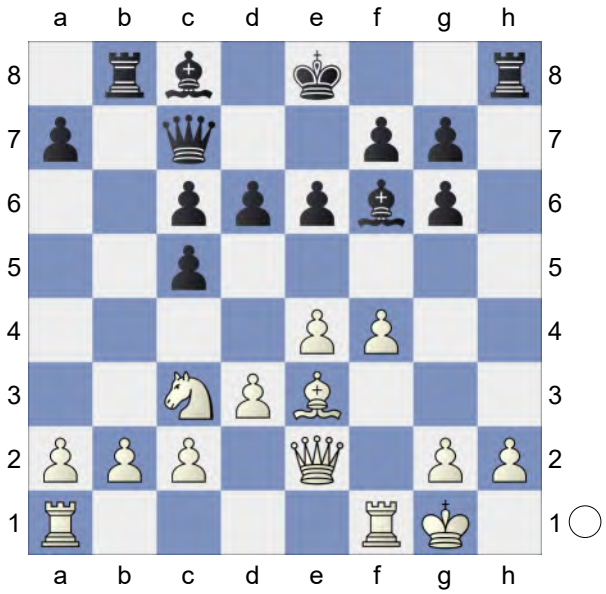
23.f3!
[Less strong is 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Rxd6 Rxf2±]
23...Rg6 5.02/23
[23...e4 3.08/22 24.fxe4 Re6 25.Bxd6 Bxd6]
24.Bxd6 Bxd6 6.81/22
[⌓24...Rf7 4.75/23 25.Kf2 *(25.Bxe5 Rxf3 26.R5d3 Bc5+ 27.Kh1 Rf2±)* 25...e4]
25.Rxd6 Endgame KRR-KRR. White is a pawn up. **25...Rg5 26.Rd8 Rgf5 27.R1d7 b6 28.Rd6 Rxd8 29.Rxd8+** KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **29...Kf7 30.Rd7+ Kf8 31.Rd6 b5 32.cxb5**
[32.axb5 axb5 33.c5 *(33.cxb5 Kf7+-)* 33...Ke7+-]
32...axb5 33.a5 Rf7 34.Rd8+ Ke7 35.Rb8 Kd6 36.Rxb5 Ra7 37.b4 Rc7 38.a6 Rc1+ 39.Kf2 Ra1 40.Ra5 Rxa5 41.bxa5 KP-KP. White is two pawns up. **41...Kc7 42.Ke3 Kb8 43.Ke4 Ka7 44.Kxe5 Kb8 45.Ke6 Kc7 46.Kf7 Kd6 47.a7 Kc7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.88 **48.a8Q**
1-0

265 **B30**
□ **Defromont,Benjamin** **2347**
■ **Dgebuadze,Alexandre** **2435**
Pays de Bray 1st (1) 14.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

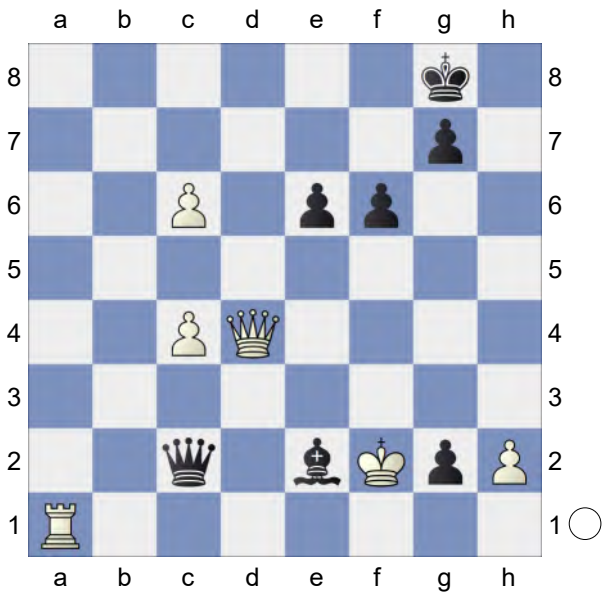
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 d6 7.Qe2 Ne7 8.Nh4 Ng6 The position is equal.
[8...g6 0.70/20 8...Ng6 0.20 9.f4 f5 0.92/21 *(9...c4± 0.46/20)* 10.Bd2± Bg7 11.Bc3 Bd4+ 12.Bxd4 cxd4 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Nxf5 gxf5]
9.Nxg6 is more profitable than 9.Qh5 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 9. Dh5. **9...hxg6 10.f4 Be7 11.Nc3** -0.06/19
[11.Nd2± 0.36/19]
11...Bf6 12.Be3 Rb8

(Diagram)



13.e5 -0.36/21 **dxe5∓ 14.Bxc5** -1.22/23
[14.Ne4∓ -0.32/20]
14...exf4∓ 15.Ne4 Be7 Inhibits Nd6+.
[15...Rxb2 16.Nd6+ Kd8 17.Rxf4=]
16.Qf2 0-0
[16...Rxb2 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qd4 *(18.Qxf4 0-0∓)* 18...Rxc2 19.Nd6+ *(19.Qxg7 Qh4∓)* 19...Kf8 20.Qxf4± *(20.Nxc8 Rxh2* Decoy *21.Kxh2 Qh4+ 22.Kg1 Rxg2+* Remove Defender, Decoy *23.Kxg2 f3+* Discovered Attack *24.Rxf3 Qxd4=)*]
17.Bxa7 Rxb2 18.Bd4 Rb5 19.a4 Rf5 20.Bb6 Qd7 21.a5 Ba6 Predecessor: **22.Bc5 Ra8 23.Rfb1** -1.64/22
[23.Bxe7!∓ -0.69/22 Qxe7 24.Qb6]
23...g5 -0.48/22
[23...Bxc5!-+ -1.64/22 24.Nxc5 Qc7]
24.Bxe7!∓ Qxe7 25.Rb6 -1.51/21
[25.h3∓ -0.62/21]
25...Qc7∓ 26.Qd4 -2.41/21
[26.Rbb1∓ -1.09/20]
26...Rd5-+ 27.Qc3 c5 28.Rab1 1-0 Leko,P (2693)-Morozevich,A (2676) Wch Blitz Doha 2016 (18) **28...c4 29.dxc4?** -4.19/22
[29.d4 -2.28/20 is a better defense.]

29...Re5? -0.49/22
[29...Qxc4 30.Qxc4 Bxc4 31.Nd6-+]
[29...Bxc4-+ -4.19/22 30.h3 Rdxa5 *(30...Raxa5 31.Rb8+ Kh7 32.R8b7±)*]
30.Qd4? -2.72/23
[30.Qf3!∓ -0.49/22 Qd8 *(30...Rxa5? 31.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *gxf6 32.Qxa8+ Kg7 33.Rxa6+-)* 31.Rd1]
30...Rxa5? -0.75/22
[30...Qxc4? 31.Qxe5 Qxc2 32.Nxg5+-]
[30...Bxc4 31.Nd6 Bd5 *(31...Rexa5 32.Qxc4 Qa7 33.h3±)* 32.c4 *(32.Qxe5? Qc5+ 33.Kh1 Bxg2+* Discovered Attack *34.Kxg2 Qxe5-+)* 32...Rxa5 33.Rb8+ Kh7 34.Nxf7 Bxc4 35.Rh8+ Kg6 36.Nxe5+ Rxe5 37.h4=]
[30...Rd8-+ -2.72/23 31.Rd6 Rxd6 32.Nxd6 *(32.Qxe5? Rd1+* Discovered Attack *33.Rxd1 Qxe5-+)* 32...Rxa5]
31.c5∓ Be2? 0.44/24
[31...g4∓ -1.33/21 Strongly threatening ...e5. 32.g3 fxg3 33.hxg3 f5]
32.Nxg5 -0.79/24
[32.Rb7± 0.44/24 keeps the upper hand. Ra4 33.Qxa4 *(33.Rxc7 Rxd4 34.Nxg5 Bh5∓)* 33...Rxa4 *(33...Qxb7 34.Rxb7 Rxa4 35.Nxg5±)* 34.Rxc7 Rxe4 35.c6 *(35.Rb8+ Kh7=)*]
32...Rd8? 1.28/25
[32...Qxc5? 33.Rb8++-]
[32...Rxc5? 33.Qe4+-]
[32...e5!∓ -0.79/24 stays on course. 33.Qb2 *(33.Rb7? Qxb7 34.Rxb7 exd4-+)* 33...Qxc5+ 34.Kh1 Bb5]
33.Rd6 -0.16/24 White is more active.
[White should play 33.Rc6± 1.28/25 Qe7 *(33...Qxc6 34.Qxd8+; 33...Rxd4? 34.Rxc7 Rd8 35.Nxf7±)* 34.Qxf4]
33...Rf8= 34.Ne4 Rb5 0.23/21
[⌓34...Bb5 -0.20/22]
35.Re1 Bh5
[35...Bg4!?]
36.Rd7 -0.01/21
[36.c4!± 0.37/23 Rb3 37.Nd2]
36...Qa5? 4.31/24
[36...Qb8= -0.01/21]
37.Rf1? -0.01/25
[37.Ra1+- 4.31/24 Qb4 38.Qxb4 Rxb4 39.Nd6]
37...Be2? 2.50/28
[37...Rb4= -0.01/25 and Black stays safe. 38.Qc3 Qa4]
38.Ra1+-
[38.Rxf4? Qe1+]
38...Qb4 39.Nc3 f3? 6.41/29
[39...Qxd4+ 2.56/25 40.Rxd4 Rxc5 41.Nxe2 Rfc8]
40.Nxb5 Qxb5 41.Rd8 f6 42.Rxf8+ Kxf8 Endgame KQR-KQB **43.Kf2 Qb7 44.c4 Kg8 45.Rc1 Qa8 46.Rb1** 2.50/21
[⌓46.Rc2 6.21/22 Kh7 47.Qh4+ Kg8 48.Qd4]
46...fxg2 47.c6!
[47.Kxe2 Qa2+ 48.Rb2 Qxb2+ 49.Qxb2 g1Q 50.Qb8+ Kh7=]
47...Qa2 6.13/25
[47...g1R 2.33/21 48.Rxg1 Bh5]
48.Ra1
[48.Rb2 g1Q+ 49.Kxg1 Qa1+ 50.Kf2 Qf1+ 51.Ke3 Qg1+ 52.Ke4 Bf3+ 53.Kd3 Qd1+ *(53...Qxd4+? 54.Kxd4 Bxc6 55.Kc5+-)* 54.Kc3 Qe1+ *(54...Qxd4+? 55.Kxd4 Bxc6 56.Kc5+-)* 55.Kb3 *(55.Qd2 Qe5+ 56.Qd4 Qa5+ 57.Kc2 Qa4+ 58.Rb3 Qa2+ 59.Qb2 Be4+ 60.Kc1 Qa5=)* 55...Bxc6±]
48...Qc2
(Diagram)

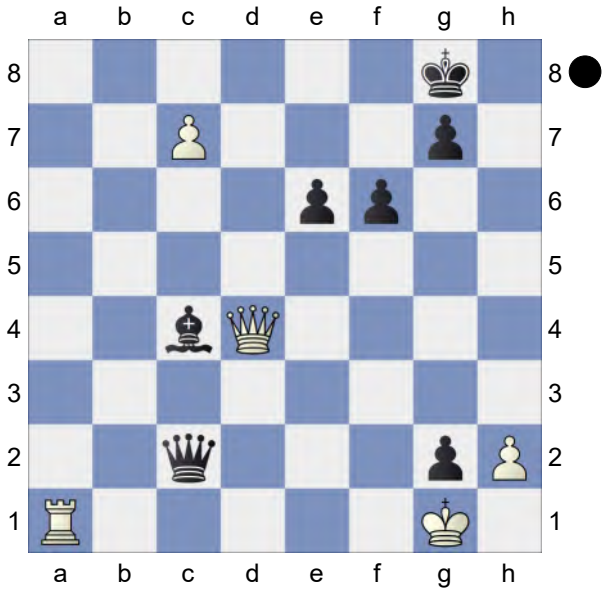


49.c7? -0.01/17

[Weaker is 49.Kxg2 Bxc4+ 50.Kg1 Qg6+ 51.Kf2 Qc2+ 52.Kg1 *(52.Kg3 Bd5=)* 52...Qg6+ 53.Kf2 Qc2+ 54.Kg1=]

[49.Kg1!+- 4.47/25 Strongly threatening c7. Bxc4 50.Qf4 *(50.c7 Bd5=; 50.Ra8+ Kf7=)*]

49...Bxc4+= 50.Kg1



Dancing on a razor blade. **50...Ba6** 7.78/23 **51.Rxa6+-** Ra8+ would kill now. White is clearly winning. **51...Qxc7 52.Ra8+**

[52.Kxg2? Qb7+ 53.Kf2 Qxa6-+]

52...Kh7 53.Qh4+

[53.Kxg2? Qc6+ 54.Kf2 Qxa8 55.Qd3+ Kg8-+]

53...Kg6 Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.68/ Black=1.12 **54.Qg3+** 6.79/28

An unexpected result.

[54.Kxg2? too greedy. Qc6+ 55.Kf2 Qxa8-+]

[⌓54.Qg4+ 16.52/25 Kf7 55.Qh5+ *(55.Qxg2 Qc1+ 56.Qf1 Qg5+ 57.Kf2 Qf4+ 58.Kg1 Qg5+ 59.Kh1 Qd5+ 60.Qg2 Qd1+ 61.Qg1 Qf3+ 62.Qg2 Qd1+ 63.Qg1 Qf3+ 64.Qg2 Qd1+=; 55.Kxg2 Qc2+ 56.Kg3 Qd3+ 57.Qf3 Qg6+ 58.Kf4 Qh6+ 59.Ke4 Qxh2±)* 55...Ke7 56.Qe8+ *(56.Kxg2 Qc2+ 57.Kg3 Qc7+ 58.Kf2 Qf4+ 59.Qf3 Qd2+ 60.Kf1 Qc1+ 61.Ke2 Qb2+ 62.Ke1 Qb4+ 63.Kf1 Qb5+ 64.Kf2 Qc5+ 65.Ke2 Qc2+ 66.Ke1 Qc1+ 67.Qd1 Qe3+ 68.Kf1 Qh3+ 69.Kg1 Qe3+ 70.Kg2 Qe4+ 71.Qf3 Qg6+ 72.Kf2 Qc2+ 73.Kg3 Qg6+ 74.Kf4 Qg5+ 75.Ke4 Kf7+-)* 56...Kd6 57.Rd8+ *(57.Kxg2 Qc2+ 58.Kg3 Qd3+ 59.Kf2 Qc2+ 60.Ke3 Qc3+ 61.Ke2 Qc2+ 62.Ke3 Qc3+ 63.Ke4 Qc4+ 64.Ke3 Qc3+=)* 57...Qxd8 58.Qxd8+ Ke5 59.Qc7+ *(59.Kxg2 Ke4+-)* 59...Ke4 60.Qxg7]

½-½

266 **B30**

□ **Andersen,Gunnar James** **2227**

■ **Cordova,Emilio** **2525**

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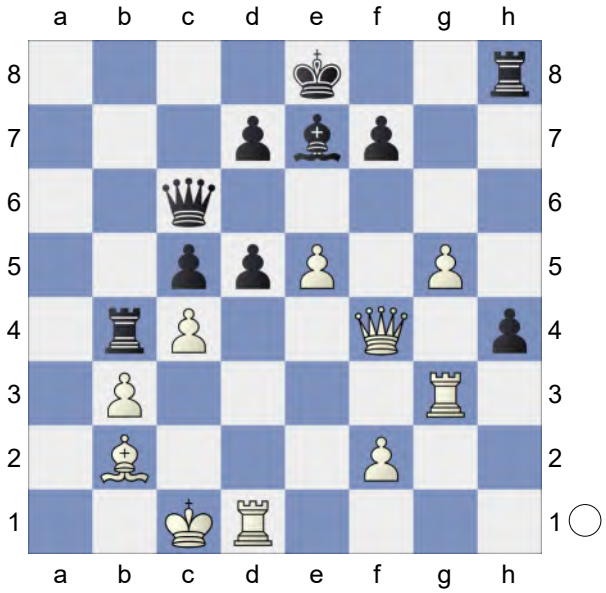
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

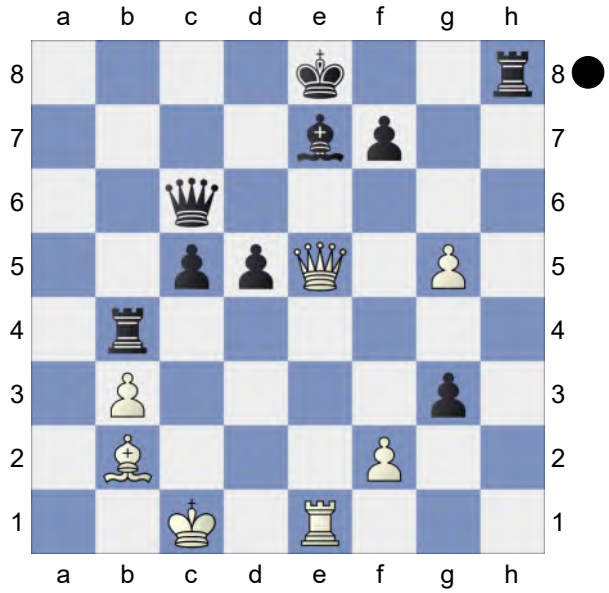
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.Qe2 Ne7 7.h4! is more profitable than 7.Nh4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.Sh4.
7...h5 8.e5 White is slightly better.
8...Nf5 9.Nbd2 Nd4 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Qe4 Bb7 12.Qxd4 c5 13.Qe3N
[13.Qf4 Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bd5 15.Ne4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Rb8 17.b3 Qb7 18.Be3 Qxe4 19.dxe4 ½-½ Svidler,P (2765)-Van Wely,L (2647) Amber-blindfold 15th rapid 2006 (6)]
13...Bxg2 14.Rg1 Bd5 15.b3! g6 16.Bb2 Be7 17.0-0-0 Rb8 18.Ne4 0.21/20
[18.Rg5± 0.59/21 is superior.]
18...Bxe4!= 19.Qxe4 Rb4 20.c4 White wants to play d4. **20...Qc6 21.Qf4 a5 22.d4 a4** 0.53/24
[22...cxd4= 0.01/23 23.Rxd4 Rb6]
23.Rg3 -0.01/21
[White should play 23.d5!± 0.53/24 Qb7 *(23...exd5 24.e6±* Discovered Attack *)* 24.Rg3]
23...axb3 24.axb3 g5 0.74/23 **25.hxg5±** and d5 should not be overlooked **25...h4 26.d5 exd5**



27.e6! Discovered Attack **27...dxe6**
[27...hxg3 28.exf7+]
28.Qe5 -0.42/24
[28.Rf3= 0.01/22 Rh7 29.Qg4]
28...hxg3 29.cxd5
[29.Qxh8+ Kd7 30.Bf6 Qd6 *(30...Rxb3 31.cxd5 exd5 32.Re1=; 30...gxf2 31.Bxe7 Qc7 32.Qf6∓)* 31.fxg3 Qxg3 32.Bxe7 Kxe7 33.Qf6+ Ke8=]
29...exd5
[29...Bxg5+ 30.Qxg5 exd5 31.Rxd5

(31.Bxh8 gxf2 32.Qe3+ Re4=; 31.Qe5+ Qe6±) 31...Rh1+ *(31...gxf2 32.Qd8#)* 32.Kd2+-]

30.Re1!

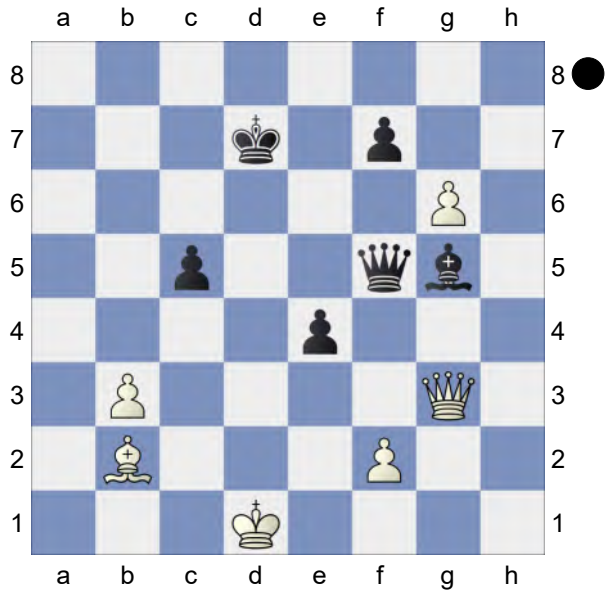


Re4! 31.Qxh8+ Kd7 32.Rxe4 dxe4∓ Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a pawn up. **33.Qh3+ Qe6 34.Qxg3 Qf5 35.g6** -6.30/25 **Bg5+-+**

[35...fxg6 36.Bc3∓]

[35...Qxg6 36.Qxg6 fxg6 37.Kd2∓]

36.Kd1



e3!

[36...fxg6 37.Ke2∓]

37.Ke2 exf2

[37...Qxg6 38.Qg4+ Kd6 39.fxe3∓]

[37...fxg6 38.fxe3 Qc2+ 39.Kf3∓]

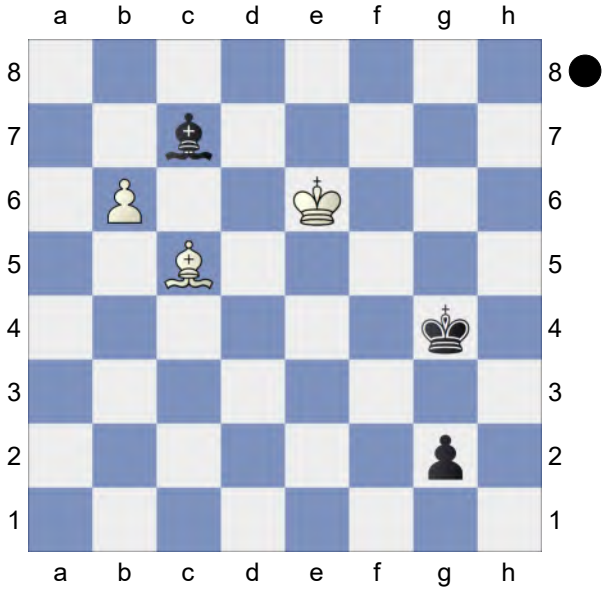
38.Qxf2 Qxf2+ -0.01/28

[Less strong is 38...fxg6 39.Bg7∓]

[Inferior is 38...Qxg6 39.Qxc5 Qe4+ 40.Kf2=]

[38...Qe4+-+ -3.50/26 39.Kf1 Qb1+ *(39...Qxg6 40.Qe2∓; 39...fxg6 40.Bg7∓)* 40.Kg2 Qxg6 *(40...fxg6 41.Qf7+ Be7 42.Qd5+ Bd6 43.Qb7+ Bc7 44.Qd5+ Bd6 45.Qb7+ Ke6 46.Qc8+ Ke7 47.Qb7+ Ke6 48.Qc8+ Ke7 49.Qb7+ Ke8 50.Qc6+ Ke7 51.Qb7+=)*]

39.Kxf2= fxg6-+ KB-KB. Black is a pawn up. **40.Kf3 Ke6 41.Ke4 Be7 42.Bc1 g5 43.Be3 Kf6 44.Bf2 Bf8 45.Be3 Kg6 46.Bf2 g4 47.Kf4 Kh5 48.Kf5 Bd6** Hoping for ...g3. **49.Ke6 Bc7 50.Bxc5 g3 51.b4 Kg4 52.b5 g2 53.b6**



Bxb6 54.Bxb6 g1Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.28 (precise) **55.Bxg1**

½-½

267 **B30**
□ **Gavrilescu,David** **2547**
■ **Tampea,Radu** **2226**
ROM-chT Mamaia (1.10) 28.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
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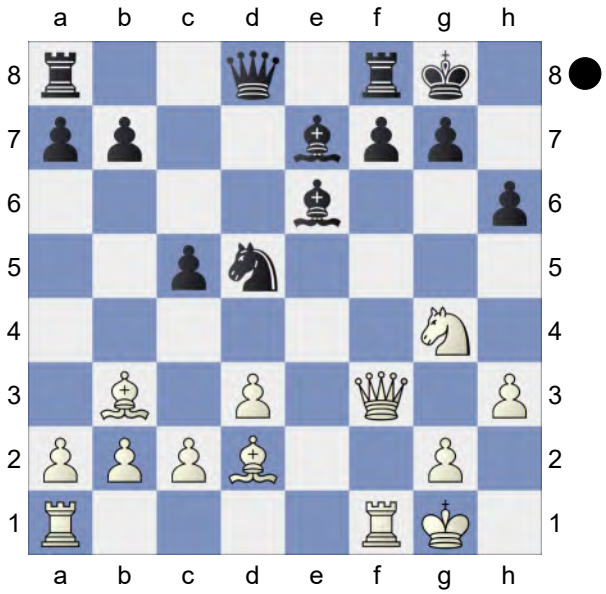
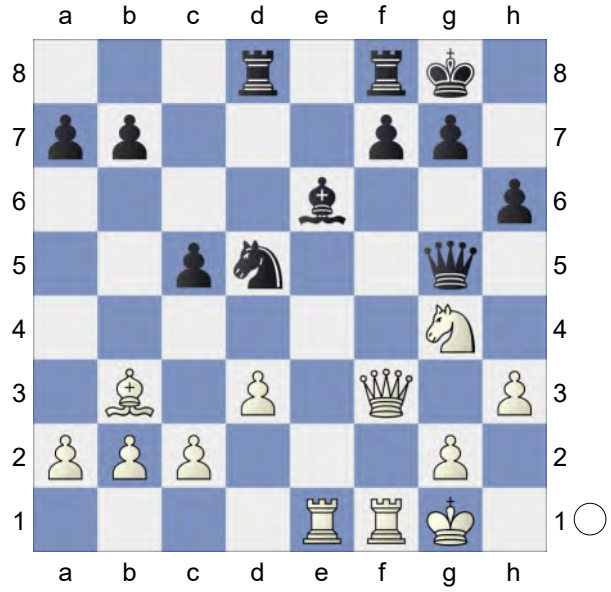
3...e5N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bd6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nc3 Be7 8.h3! White has an edge. is recently more successful than 8.Bg5. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.Lg5. **8...h6** 0.51/23
[8...d6= 0.11/24]
9.Nh2 0.08/23
[9.Nh4± 0.51/23]
9...d6= 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 Nd4N
[11...a6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Ne2 -0.53/22 *(13.Nf3± 0.35/22)* 13...Be6 0.05/23 *(13...d5∓ -0.53/22 14.exd5 Nxd5)* 14.Bb3 -0.68/24 *(14.Bxe6= 0.05/23 fxe6 15.Nf3)* 14...Na5 0.19/23 *(14...d5∓ -0.68/24)* 15.Ng3 Nxb3 16.axb3 Nd7 0.44/22 *(16...d5= 0.00/21 might be stronger.)* 17.Be3 Ne5 18.Qf2 Bh4 ½-½ Thapelo,F (1700)-Wasif,Z (1566) Olympiad Women-42 2016 (7.3)]
12.Nd5 Ne6 0.92/24
[12...b5= 0.18/25 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6]
13.Bd2 0.54/22
[13.Nxe7+± 0.92/24 Qxe7 14.Bg3]
13...Nxd5± 14.Bxd5 Nc7 0.80/25
[14...Bg5± 0.41/23]
15.Bb3 0.32/23
[White should play 15.Ba5± 0.80/25]
15...d5 16.exd5! Nxd5 17.Qf3! Be6 18.Ng4



Bg5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Rae1

aiming for Re5.
[20.Rab1 simplifies Bxg4 21.Qxd5 Qxd5 22.Bxd5 Be6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Rbe1]
Loses the game. **20...Rad8?** 3.09/21
[Black should play 20...Nb4± 0.31/19]



21.Re5!+- Bxg4 22.Qg3 Pin **22...Qd2** 5.26/22
[22...Qxe5 3.15/24 23.Qxe5 Rfe8]
23.hxg4 White is clearly winning.
[23.Rxd5 Rxd5 24.Bxd5 Bh5+-]
23...Nb6 24.Rxc5 Qb4 7.18/22
[⌓24...Nd7 4.31/21]
25.Rcf5 Active counter play! **25...Qd4+ 26.Kh2 Kh8 27.Rxf7 Rxf7 28.Rxf7 Nd5 29.c3 Qb6 30.d4 Qg6 31.Rxb7 Nf6 32.Be6**
[Worse is 32.Rxa7 Nxg4+ 33.Kh3 Qh5+ 34.Qh4 Nf2+ 35.Kg3 Nh1+ 36.Kh3 Nf2+=]
32...Re8 33.Rb8 Ne4 34.Qe5 Threatening mate with Bf7!. **34...Nf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.83 **35.Bf5**
1-0

268 **B30**
□ **Balajayeva,Khanim** **2362**
■ **Vaibhav,Jayant Raut** **2304**
Masters Open 2024 (9.61) 12.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
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[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8) 0-1 Cortes Ventura, J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 1-0 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9. ♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6

21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 1-0 8. ♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

4...bxc6 5.d3 Qc7 6.0-0 Ne7 7.h4 e5 7...d6 might become the main line. 7...d6 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden.

8.h5 d6 9.Nh2 Repels Bg4. White is slightly better. **9...h6 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 g5 12.Bd2 Bg7 13.Bc3 0-0 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nc3** 'N'

[15.Qd2 Be6 16.Qc3+ Kh7 17.Nd2 Rae8 18.Rae1 Qb8 19.a3 Qd8 20.Rf6 Ng8 21.Rf2 1-0 Suleymanli,A (2626)-Vakhidov,J (2580) Tashkent UzChess Challengers 2024 (2)]

15...f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Qd2 Rae8 0.84/23

[17...Nd5= 0.27/21 remains equal.]

18.Rf2 0.18/24

[18.Ne4!± 0.84/23 Threatens to win with Qc3+. Kg8 19.c4]

18...Nd5 Wards off **19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Raf1 Qd7** 0.85/21 Active counter play!

[20...Bc8= 0.21/22]

21.b4!± Black must now prevent bxc5.

21...d4 1.45/24

[⌓21...Qc8 0.79/20]

22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Qa5! Rc8 24.Nf3 Qd5 2.41/21 Dodges Ne5

[⌓24...Qe7 1.69/19]

25.Nd2+- Qa6! would now be deadly.

[25.Qxa7+ Rf7 26.Qb6 Rf6 27.Qa7+ Rf7]

25...g4? 3.28/23

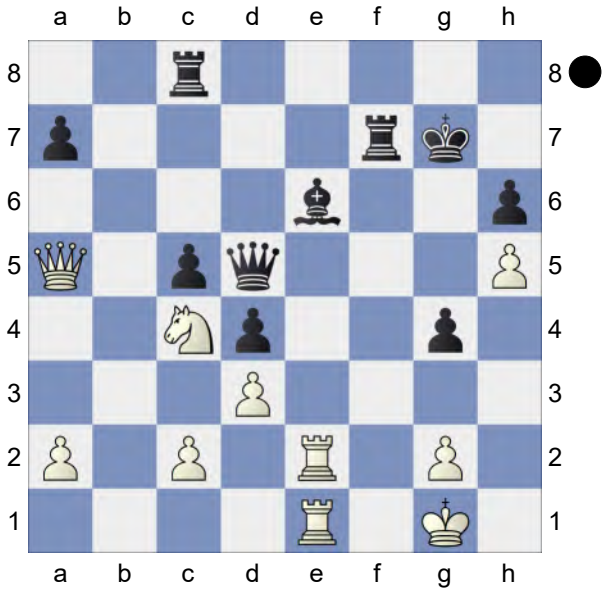
[25...Rf7 1.63/18 was necessary. 26.Ne4 Rcf8]

26.Nc4 Rf7 3.28/27

[⌓26...Bd7 2.16/22 27.Rxf8 *(27.Qxa7 Rxf2 28.Rxf2 Re8±)* 27...Rxf8]

27.Re1 aiming for Ne5. **27...Be6 28.Rfe2** -1.22/20

[28.Re5+- 2.74/24 Qd7 29.Rxf7+ *(29.Rxc5 g3±)* 29...Kxf7 30.Rxc5 Rxc5 31.Qxc5 Bxc4 32.Qxc4+ Kf6 33.Qg8]

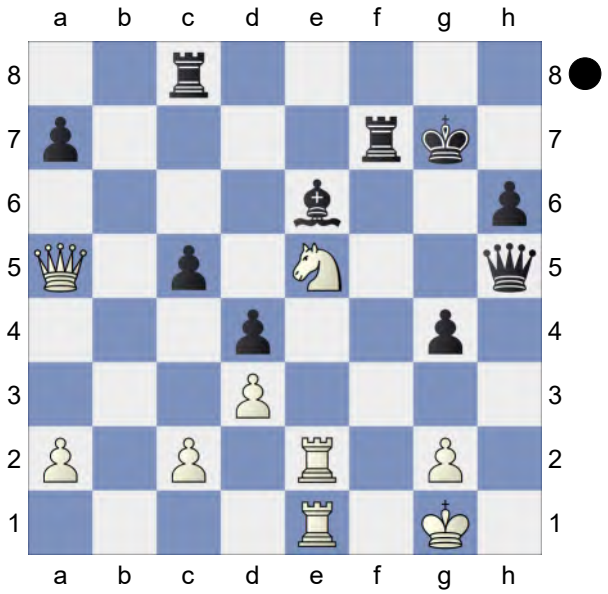


28...Qxh5∓ 29.Ne5? -4.62/21

[29.Rxe6 g3]

[29.Nd2∓ -1.37/21 nothing else works.]

(Diagram)



This costs White the game. **29...Bd5!-+**

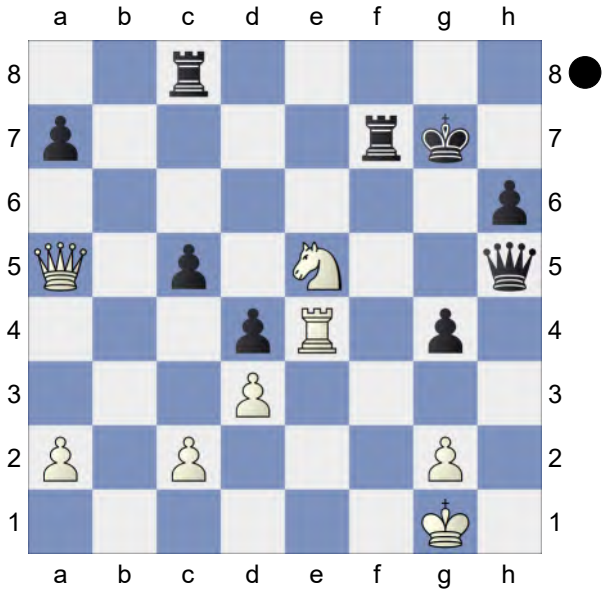
30.Re4 -10.69/23

[30.Nxf7? g3 31.Re4 Bxe4 *(31...Qxf7? 32.Re7+-* Pin, Double Attack*; 31...Qh2+? 32.Kf1-+)* 32.dxe4 Rf8 *(32...Qxf7? 33.Rf1-+; 32...Kxf7? 33.e5-+)*]

[⩲30.Qd2 -4.69/21 g3 31.Nf3 Bxf3 *(31...Bxa2? 32.Re5+-)* 32.gxf3 Qxf3 *(32...Rxf3 33.Re7+ Kh8 34.R7e6∓)* 33.Ra1]

[30.c4 g3]

30...Bxe4 31.Rxe4



g3! 32.Nxf7

[32.Rg4+ Kh7]

32...Rf8 -7.81/22

[⩲32...Rb8 -#12/17 33.Rg4+ Qxg4 34.Qe1 Kxf7 35.Qf1+ Kg7 36.c4 Re8 *(36...dxc3 37.Qe1 Kg6 38.Kf1 Rf8+ 39.Kg1 Qd4+ 40.Kh1 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qh2#)* 37.Qb1 Kg6 38.Qf1 Qh4 39.Qc1 Qh2+ 40.Kf1 Qh1#]

33.Re7 Black is clearly winning.

33...Qh2+

[33...Rxf7? 34.Rxf7+ Qxf7 35.Qe1-+]

34.Kf1 Qh1+ Deflection

[34...Rxf7+ 35.Rxf7+ Kxf7 36.Qxa7+ Ke6 37.Qa8= *(37.Qb6+ Kd7±)*]

35.Ke2 Qxg2+

[35...Rxf7 36.Rxf7+ *(36.Rxa7 Qxg2+ 37.Kd1 Qf1+ 38.Qe1 g2 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.a4 h5 41.a5 h4 42.a6 h3 43.a7 h2 44.a8Q Qxe1+ 45.Kxe1 h1Q+ 46.Ke2 Qf1+ 47.Kd2 Qf4+ 48.Kd1 g1Q+ 49.Ke2 Qff2#)* 36...Kxf7 37.Qxa7+ Ke6 38.Qb6+ *(38.Qxc5? Qxg2+ 39.Kd1 Qg1+ 40.Ke2 Qf2+ 41.Kd1 g2-+)* 38...Kd7 39.Qb5+ *(39.Qxc5 Qxg2+ 40.Kd1 Qg1+ 41.Kd2 Qf2+ 42.Kd1 g2-+)* 39...Kd6 40.Qb8+ Kd7 41.Qxg3=]

36.Kd1 Qf1+

[Stronger than 36...Rxf7 37.Rxf7+ Kxf7 38.Qc7+ Kg6 39.Qd6+ Kg5 40.Qe5+ Kg4 41.Qg7+ Kf3 42.Qf6+ Kg4 *(42...Ke3 43.Qe5+ Kf2 44.Qe1+ Kf3 45.Qe4+ Kf2 46.Qe1+ Kf3 47.Qe4+ Kf2 48.Qe1+=)* 43.Qe6+ Kh4 44.Qf6+ Kh5 45.Qf7+ Kg4 46.Qe6+ Kh5 47.Qf7+ Kh4 48.Qf4+ Kh3 49.Qxh6+ Kg4= 50.Qe6+ Kg5 51.Qe5+ Kh4 52.Qf4+ Kh5 *(52...Kh3 53.Qh6+ Kg4 54.Qg6+ Kf4 55.Qf7+ Ke5 56.Qe7+ Kf5 57.Qh7+ Ke6 58.Qg8+ Kd7*

59.Qf7+ Kc6 60.Qe8+ Kd6 61.Qd8+ Ke6 62.Qe8+ Kd6 63.Qd8+ Ke6 64.Qc8+ Kd6 65.Qd8+=) 53.Qf5+ Kh6 *(53...Kh4 54.Qf4+ Kh3 55.Qh6+ Kg4 56.Qg6+ Kf4 57.Qf6+ Kg4 58.Qg7+ Kh4 59.Qh6+ Kg4=)* 54.Qf6+ Kh5 55.Qf5+ Kh6 *(55...Kh4 56.Qf4+ Kh5 57.Qf7+ Kh4 58.Qh7+ Kg5 59.Qe7+ Kg6 60.Qd6+ Kf7 61.Qd7+ Kf6 62.Qd6+ Kf7 63.Qc7+ Kg6 64.Qd6+ Kf5 65.Qxc5+ Ke6 66.Qc8+ Ke7 67.Qc5+ Ke6 68.Qc8+ Ke7 69.Qc7+ Ke6 70.Qc8+=)* 56.Qf8+ Kg6 57.Qd6+ Kh5 58.Qxc5+ Kg4 59.Qc8+ *(59.Qxd4+ Kf3=)* 59...Kf4 *(59...Kf3 60.Qf5+ Ke3 61.Qe5+ Kf2 62.Qe1+ Kf3 63.Qe4+ Kf2 64.Qe1+ Kf3 65.Qe4+ Kf2 66.Qe1+=)* 60.Qf8+ Ke3 61.Qe8+ Kf2 62.Qe1+ Kf3 63.Qe4+ Kf2 64.Qe1+ Kf3 65.Qe4+ Kf2 66.Qe1+=]

37.Re1 g2 38.Ne5 g1Q (→ ...Qe3!) (→ ...Qe3!) **39.Qc7+ Kg8** Weighted Error Value: White=1.14/Black=0.35

0-1

269 **B31**

□ **Heinemann,Josefine** **2305**

■ **Dixit,Nikhil** **2361**

Masters Open 2024 (5.56) 07.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**

[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N

[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 a5 9.a4 Qc7 10.e5 Nd5 White is slightly better. **11.Nbd2 b6 12.Nc4 Be6 13.Qe2**

[13.Ng5 with more complications. Bc8 14.Bd2 b5 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Qf3]

13...Rad8 14.Ng5 Bc8 15.Nf3 0.18/20 White is more active.

[15.e6± 0.62/20]

15...f6 16.b3 g5 17.Nh2 -0.30/18

[⌓17.exf6 0.27/21 exf6 18.Bd2]

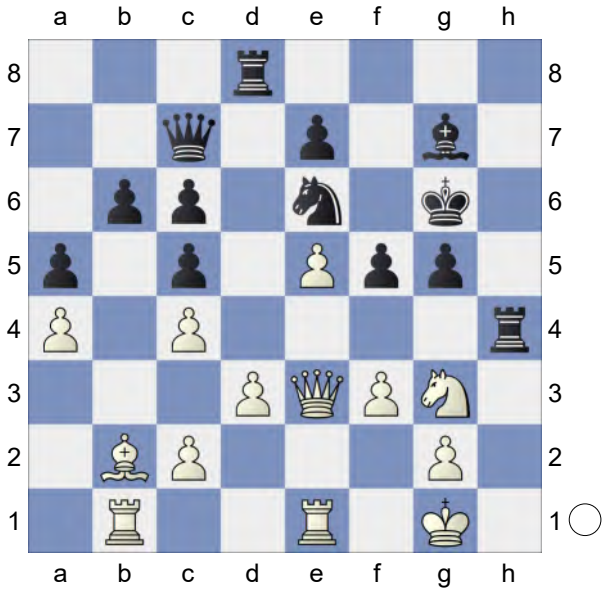
17...h6 18.Bb2 -0.52/21

[18.Bd2= 0.00/20]

18...Nf4 19.Qe3 Nd5 20.Qe2 Nf4 21.Qe3 f5 22.Qd2 Be6 -0.22/16

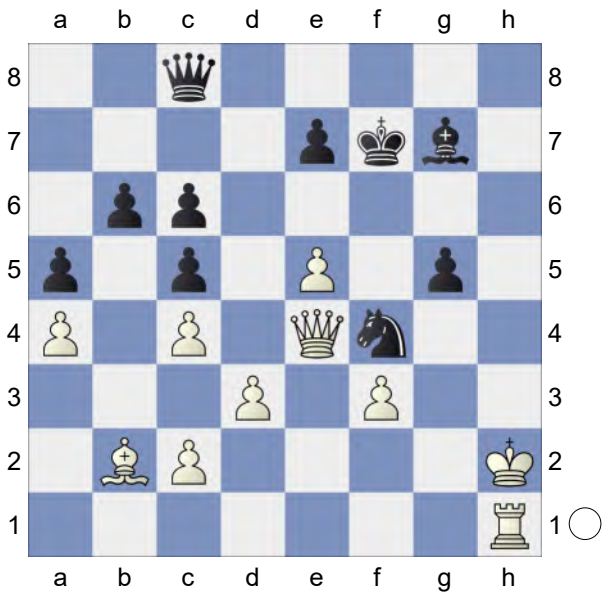
[22...Ng6∓ -0.60/17 is more appropriate.]

23.h4= Bd5 24.hxg5 hxg5
[Of course not 24...Nxg2 25.gxh6 Bh8 26.f4=]
25.f3 Bxc4 26.bxc4 Ne6 27.Nf1 Kf7 28.Rab1 Rh8 29.Ng3 Kg6 30.Qe3
Strongly threatening Nxf5!
[30.Nxf5!? Kxf5 31.Qe3±]
30...Rh4? 2.12/18
[30...Nd4!= -0.29/19 31.Bc1 Bh6 *(31...Nxc2? is the wrong capture. 32.Qxg5+ Kh7 33.Nxf5+-)*]



A mistake that costs the game.
31.Nxf5!+- Kxf5 2.83/22
[31...Rf4 1.83/20 is a better defense. 32.g4 b5]
32.g3 Rdh8 33.gxh4 Rxh4 34.Re2
Hoping for Rg2. **34...Nf4?** 3.87/21
[34...Qd8 2.31/18 35.Rh2 Rf4]
35.Rh2 Rxh2 36.Kxh2 Qc8 37.Rh1 Kg6 38.Qe4+ Kf7

(Diagram)



(→ ...Qh3+) **39.Kg3 Qe6 40.Kf2 Nh3+ 41.Ke1** White is clearly winning. **41...Nf4 42.Bc3 Ng6 43.Kd1 Nf4 44.Kc1 Qg6 45.Qxg6+ Kxg6** Endgame. KRB-KBN **46.Kd2** Dodges Ne2 **46...Bh6 47.Ke1 Ne6 48.Kf2 Nc7 49.Rb1 Na8 50.e6 Kf5 51.Rh1 Kg6 52.Kg3 Nc7 53.Rb1 Na8 54.Kg4 Bf8 55.Be5 Bh6 56.Rh1**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.34
1-0

270 **B30**
□ **Bacrot,Etienne** **2646**
■ **Andreev,Konstantin1111** **2248**
Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-

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3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N

[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...b6 6.c3 a6 7.Bf1 d5 8.exd5 White is slightly better. **8...Nxd5 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bb7 11.Nf5!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[11.Nxc6 simplifies Bxc6 12.Nd2 Be7 13.Qg4]

11...Qd7N

[Predecessor: 11...Nce7 12.Ng3 Ng6 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Nde4 -0.54/23 *(14.c4=* -0.17/19 *Nf6 15.Nde4)* 14...0-0∓ 15.Qb3 -0.84/19 *(15.c4∓* -0.40/21 *Ndf4 16.Be3)* 15...Rb8!∓ 16.c4 Ndf4 17.Be3 Bc6 ½-½ (77) Mohammad Fahad,R (2321)-Anton Guijarro,D (2673) Chess.com INT 2021]

12.Bg5 -0.63/22

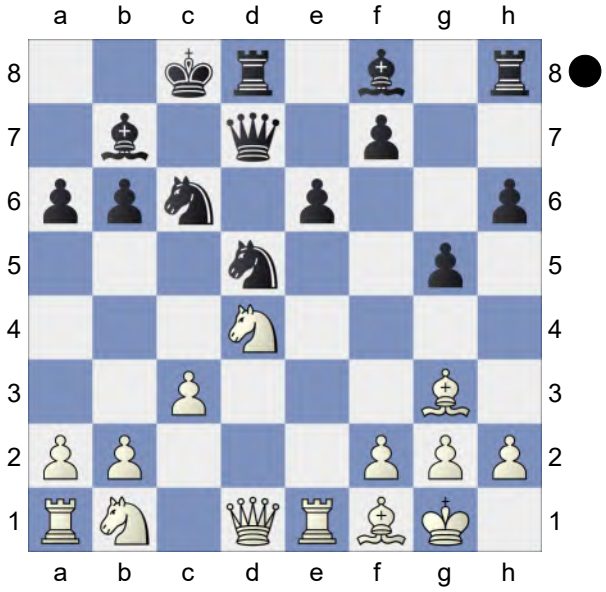
[12.Ne3!± 0.34/21 0-0-0 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bf4]

12...h6∓ 13.Bh4 -1.29/23

[White should try 13.Bd2∓ -0.40/20]

13...g5!∓ 14.Bg3 0-0-0 15.Nd4 -1.74/20

[15.Ne3∓ -1.01/22]



15...Nxd4? 0.24/23

[15...h5!-+ -1.74/20 16.h3 h4]

16.cxd4 -0.14/21

[16.Qxd4 0.24/23 is more appropriate. Bc5 17.Qc4]

16...Bd6 17.Nc3 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Kb8 19.Qb3 Qd6 20.Rac1 -0.56/22

[20.Nxd5= -0.15/23 Bxd5 21.Qc3]

20...h5 -0.01/25

[Better is 20...Qb4∓ -0.56/22]

21.Ne4 Qe7 22.Bc4 Ka7! 23.Nc3? -1.75/20

[23.a4!= -0.16/23 and White has nothing to worry.]

23...Nxc3 -1.24/22

[23...Nc7-+ -1.75/20 24.d5 h4 *(24...Bxd5? 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxd5+- Pin; 24...Nxd5? 25.Bxd5 Pin h4 26.Bxb7+-)* 25.gxh4 gxh4]

24.Rxc3? -2.87/23

[24.Qxc3∓ -1.24/22 Qf6 25.Bxa6

Qxd4 *(25...Bxa6? 26.Qc7+ Ka8 27.Qxb6+-; 25...Kxa6 26.Qa3+ Kb5 27.Re3)* 26.Be2]

24...h4 25.g4 Rxd4 26.Rec1? -4.62/24
[26.Be2 -2.55/21]

26...h3 27.Rxh3 Rxh3 28.Qxh3 Qc5 29.Qc3 Rxg4 30.Bf1 Qxc3 31.Rxc3-+ Endgame KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up.

31...f5 32.Rc7 Hoping for Be2. **32...Kb8 33.Rg7** -3.06/23
[⌓33.Re7 -1.85/23]

33...f4? -0.71/24
[33...Bd5-+ -3.06/23 34.Rg8+ Kc7 35.Rg7+ Kd6]

34.Rg6? -3.20/24
[34.Kh2∓ -0.71/24 was necessary.]

34...f3 -1.42/25
[34...Bd5-+ -3.20/24 has better winning chances. Strongly threatening ...f3. 35.Kh2 a5 *(35...Bxa2 36.Bxa6 Bd5 37.f3=)*]

35.g3? -4.12/24
[35.Rxe6∓ -1.42/25 only move. fxg2 36.Be2]

35...Re4
[35...Rb4 36.b3∓]

36.Kh2? -5.59/24
[36.Bh3 -2.68/25 Re1+ 37.Kh2]

36...Bd5? -1.14/23
[36...g4-+ -5.59/24 37.b3 *(37.Bd3? Rd4-+)* 37...b5]

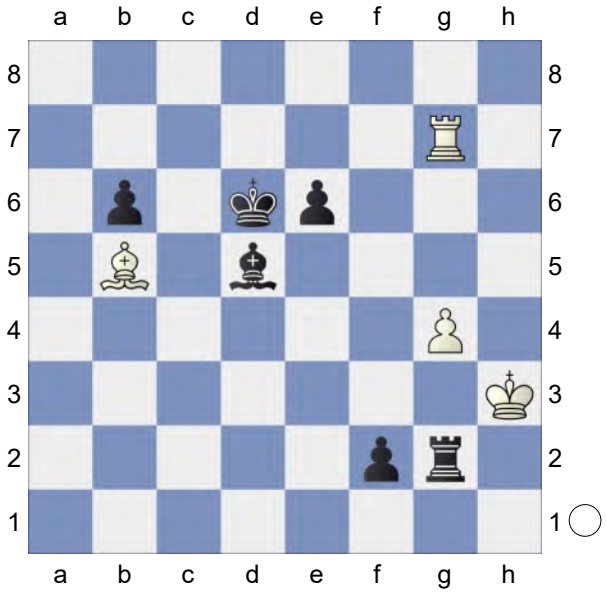
37.Bxa6? -4.37/24
[37.Rxg5∓ -1.14/23 was the crucial defense. b5 38.Rg8+ Kc7 39.g4]

37...Re2 Double Attack
[37...Bxa2 38.Rxg5 Rb4 39.g4∓ *(39.Rb5? Ra4∓)*]

38.Rxg5 -6.94/24
[⌓38.Kg1 -4.29/27 Rxb2 39.Rg8+ Kc7 40.Rg7+ Kd6 41.a4]

38...Rxf2+ 39.Kh3 Rxb2 40.g4 Rxa2
[Less strong is 40...Bxa2 41.Kg3∓]

41.Bb5 Kc7 42.Kg3 Kd6 43.Rg7 Rg2+ 44.Kh3 f2?? 6.46/26
[44...e5-+ -8.54/22 45.Rd7+ Kc5]



45.Rf7?? -3.93/23
[45.Rd7+!+- 6.46/26 was the only winning move. Ke5 46.Rxd5+ Remove Defender exd5 47.Kxg2]

45...e5? -0.31/23
[45...Kc5-+ -3.93/23 46.Bf1 Rg1 *(46...e5 47.Rc7+ Kd6 48.Rc2∓)* 47.Rxf2 b5 48.Rc2+ Kb6]

46.Rf6+? -6.34/27
[46.Rd7+∓ -0.31/23 Ke6 47.Rxd5]

46...Kc5 47.Bf1 Rg1 48.Rxf2 b5 49.Rc2+ Bc4 50.Be2 Kd4 51.Rd2+ Ke3 52.Bxc4 Kxd2 53.Bxb5 KR-KB

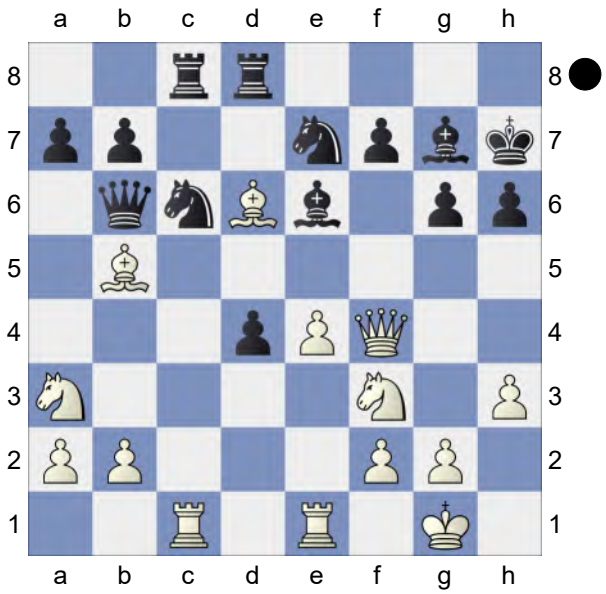
53...e4 54.Kh4 e3 55.g5 Rb1 -7.86/24
[⌓55...e2 -#18/31 56.Bxe2 Kxe2 57.Kh5 Kf3 58.Kg6 Kf4 59.Kf7 Rxg5 *(59...Kxg5? 60.Ke6-+)* 60.Ke6 Re5+ 61.Kd7 Rd5+ 62.Ke6 Rd4 63.Kf6 Re4 64.Kg6 Re6+ 65.Kg7 Kg5 66.Kf7 Re3 67.Kg7 Rf3 68.Kh7 Kf6 69.Kg8 Rh3 70.Kf8 Rh8#]

56.Ba6 Black is clearly winning. **56...Rb6 57.Bf1 Ke1 58.Bd3 Rd6** Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/Black=0.76

59.Bb5 Loss on time!?
1-0

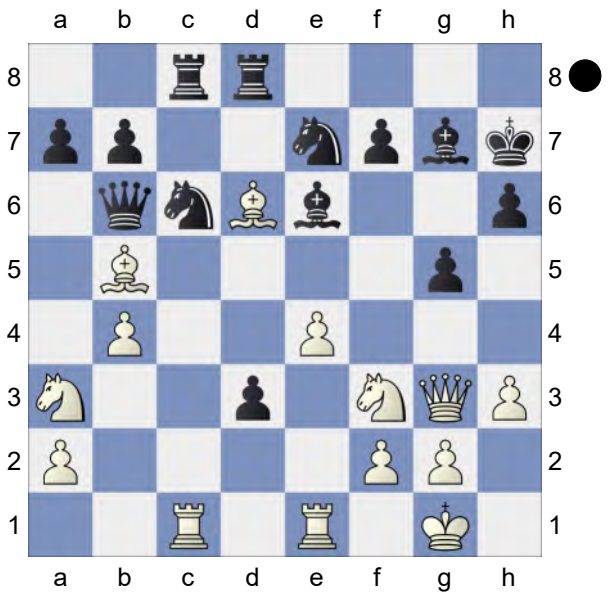
271 **B31**
□ **Repkova,Eva** **2303**
■ **Muzychuk,Anna** **2529**
Olympiad Women 2022 (3.2) 31.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2))
11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.c3 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.h3 h6 0.08/21
[9...a6∓ -0.31/21 10.Bc4 b5]
10.Qd2 Kh7 The position is equal.
11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Qb6 0.77/25
[12...d5= -0.09/23 remains equal. 13.e5 f6]
13.Na3 -0.37/25
[13.Bxc6± 0.77/25 Ba4 is the strong threat. Nxc6 14.Rd1]
13...cxd4 14.Bf4 Be6 15.Bxd6 Rfd8 16.Qf4 Rac8 0.14/20 Prevents Bc7
[16...g5∓ -0.60/21 17.Qg3 Rac8]
17.Rac1 -1.11/21
[17.Bc4= 0.14/20]



17...d3!∓ Threatens to win with ...g5.
18.b4? -3.03/22 White does not recover from this.
[18.Bc4∓ -1.00/23]
18...g5
[Not 18...Bxa2 19.Rcd1∓]
19.Qg3

(Diagram)

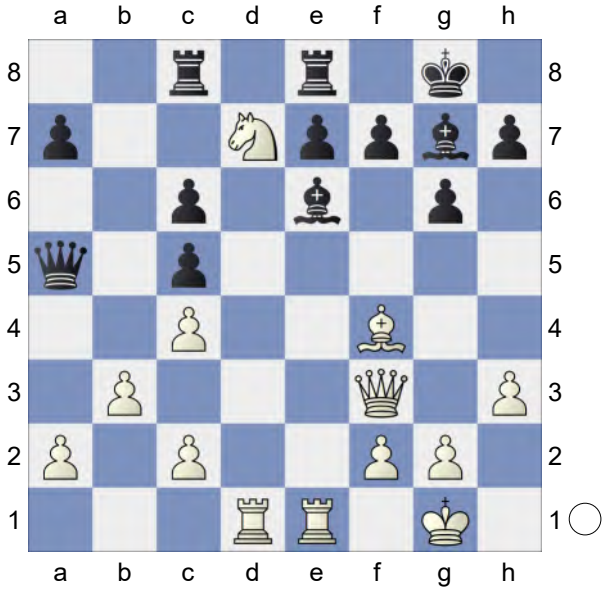


Rxd6 Clearance **20.Qxd6 Rd8 21.Qc5 d2**
[21...Bxa2 22.Rcd1 Qxc5 23.bxc5±]
22.Nxd2 Rxd2 23.Qxb6 axb6 24.Nc4 Rxa2 25.e5 Nxb4 26.Nxb6 Nec6 27.Rc5 Ra5 28.Rd1 Kg8
[Don't do 28...Nxe5 29.Bd3+ Nexd3 *(29...Nbxd3? 30.Rxa5 Nc6 31.Ra8-+)* 30.Rxa5-+]
29.Nd7 Bxd7 30.Rxd7 Bf8
[30...Nxe5? 31.Rxb7 Ra1+ 32.Kh2∓]
[30...Bxe5? 31.g3-+]
31.Bxc6 Bxc5 32.Bxb7 Ra1+ 33.Kh2 Bxf2 34.Bf3 Ra7 35.Rd6 Be3 36.g3 Ra2+ 37.Kh1 Rd2 38.Rf6 Nd3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/ Black=0.18 (very precise)
0-1

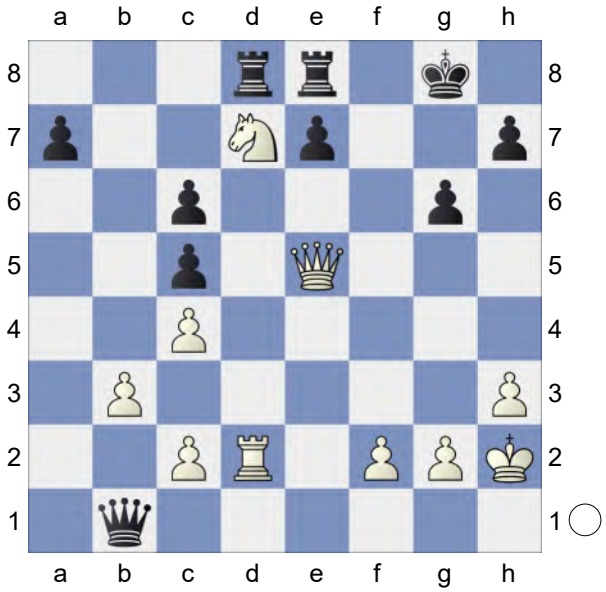
272 **B31**
□ **Sethuraman,Sandeep** **2608**
■ **Rostomyan,Mikayel** **2221**
Tsaghkadzor op (1) 20.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1 Qc7 7.h3 7.d3 is a critical line. 7.d3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **7...d6 8.Na3!?**

Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
8...Nf6N White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 8...e5 9.c3! Nf6 10.d4 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nc4 Nd7 14.b3 Nb6 1-0 Paravyan,D (2597)-Ter Sahakyan, S (2609) Speed Chess Q2 Sw blitz 2023 (11)]
9.e5 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Be6 11.d3 Nd5 12.Nac4 Black is on the road to losing.
12...Nb6 1.82/22
[Black should try 12...0-0± 0.66/20]
13.Bf4+- Nxc4 2.30/23
[13...Qc8± 1.49/20 14.Na5 Bf6]
14.dxc4 aiming for Nxg6!. **14...Qb6 15.Qf3 Rc8 16.b3 0-0 17.Rad1 Rfe8** 3.38/21
[⌓17...Rfd8 2.32/19 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8]
18.Nd7 Qa5

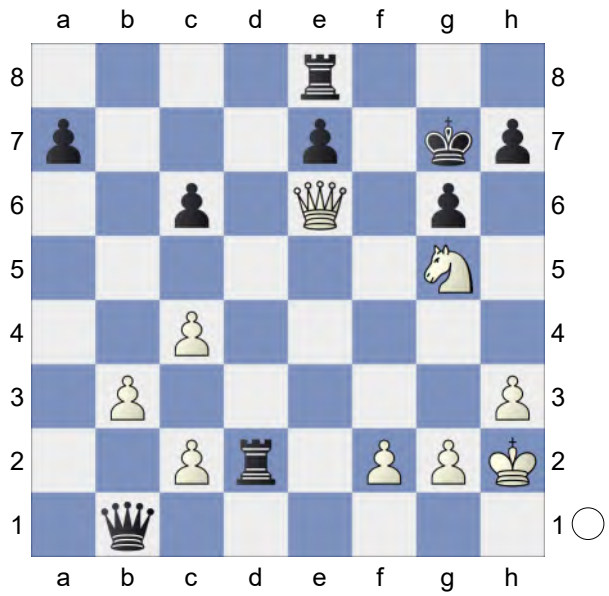


19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Qe4 Repels e5
20...e5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.Qxe5 Black is weak on the light squares
22...Qxa2 23.Rd2 1.22/24
[23.Nxc5 Qxc2 24.Qe6+ Kh8 25.Qe5+ Kg8 26.Qe6+ Kh8 27.Qe5+ Kg8=]
[23.Qc3+- 2.77/26 Rcd8 24.Kh2]
23...Rcd8? 4.60/26
[23...Qa3± 1.22/24 is tougher. 24.Rd1 *(24.Nxc5? Qc1+ 25.Kh2 Qxd2-+)* 24...Rcd8]
24.Kh2
[24.Qxc5 Qa1+ 25.Kh2 Qc3=]
24...Qb1 11.08/25
[⌓24...a6 4.03/23 25.Qe6+ *(25.Qxc5 Rc8+-)* 25...Kh8]



25.Nxc5! White threatens Ne6! and mate. **25...Rxd2**
[25...Qb2 26.Qxb2]
26.Ne6 Kf7 27.Ng5+ Kg8 28.Qe6+ Kg7

(Diagram)



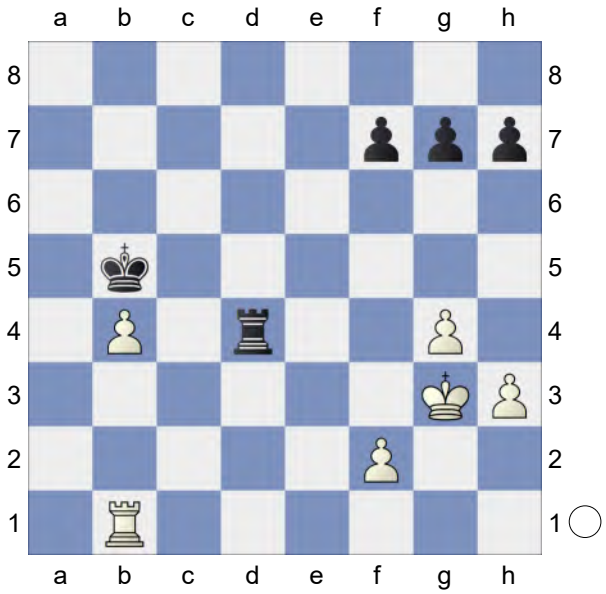
29.Qf7+! Kh6 30.Ne6
[Stronger than 30.Qxe8 Rxf2 *(30...Kxg5? too greedy. 31.Qxe7+ Kh6 32.Qe3+ Kg7 33.Qxd2+-)* 31.Ne4 *(31.Qxe7? Qf1-+)* 31...Rf5= *(31...Rxc2 32.Qf8+ Kh5 33.Ng3+ Kg5 34.h4+ Kg4 35.Qf3+ Kxh4 36.Qf4#)*]
30...Rg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=1.29 **31.Qxg8**
1-0

273 **B30**
□ **Audi,Ameya** **2372**
■ **Martins,Bruno Andre Leite** **2323**
Lagos op 1st (9) 04.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

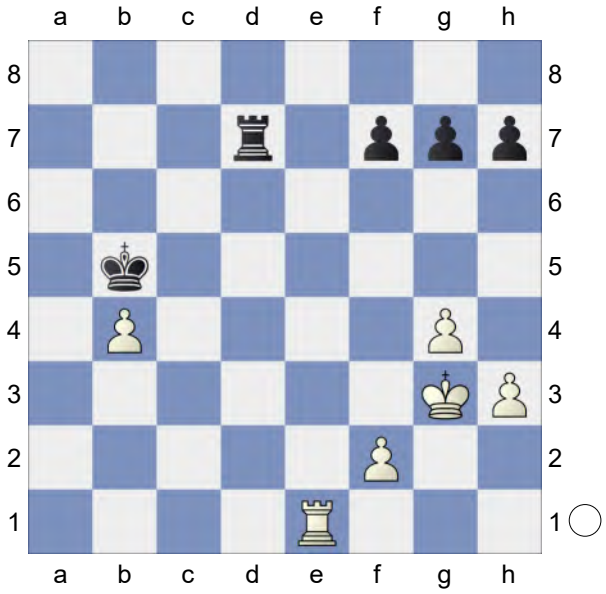
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]
5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bf1 Nc6 9.b4! Prevents Bc5 outshines the older 9.d3. erfolgreicher als das alte 9. d3. **9...Bd6 10.Na3** 0.20/24
[10.Bb2± 0.60/19]
10...Qc7N 1.02/22
[Vorgänger: 10...0-0 11.Nc2 dxc3 12.dxc3 Qc7 13.g3 b6 14.Be3 And now Bxb6! would win. Be7 15.f4 Bb7 16.Rc1 d6 0-1 Dominguez Perez,L (2756)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2619) Chess.com Rapid Wk5 Swiss 2022 (3)]
[10...0-0= 0.20/24 remains equal.]
11.h3 0.39/21
[11.b5± 1.02/22]
11...dxc3 12.dxc3 0-0 13.Nc4 White is more active. **13...Bh2+ 14.Kh1 b5 15.Ne3 Be5 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.a4**

bxa4 18.Rxa4 Bf4 1.12/20
[18...Bf6± 0.54/21]
19.Nc4± d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Nb6 Rae8 23.Rxe8 0.29/19
[23.Bxa6 Qxf2 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Bxb7 Re1+∓ *(25...Qxb6 26.Ra8±)*]
[23.Nd7!± 1.00/24 Qxf2 24.Re2 Rxe2 25.Qxe2 Qxe2 26.Bxe2]
23...Rxe8= 24.Kg1
[24.Bxa6 Qxf2 25.Bxb7 Re1+∓ *(25...Qxb6 26.Ra8±)*]
24...d4 25.cxd4
[25.Bxa6 Bxa6 26.Rxa6 dxc3∓]
25...Rd8 0.88/22
[25...Nxd4? 26.b5 *(26.Bxa6? Nf3+ 27.gxf3 Bxf3-+)* 26...Rd8 27.bxa6+-]
[25...Qxd4± 0.31/24 26.Qxd4 Nxd4]
26.d5± Qd6 27.Qc1
[27.Bxa6 Bxa6 28.Rxa6 Nb8-+ *(28...Nxb4 29.Ra8=)*]
27...Ne7 28.Qc5 Nxd5 29.Nxd5→ White attacks.
[29.Bxa6? Qxb6 *(29...Nxb6? 30.Qxd6 Rxd6 31.Ra5-+)* 30.Bxb7 Qxb7-+]
29...Qxd5 30.Qxd5
[30.Bxa6? Qxg2#]
30...Rxd5 31.Bxa6 Bxa6 32.Rxa6± Endgame Ra8+ would kill now. KR-KR. White is a pawn up. **32...Kf8** 1.72/24
[32...Rd1+!± 0.47/23 33.Kh2 h5]
33.Ra1+- Ke7 34.Kf1 Rd2 35.Rb1 Inhibits Rb2. **35...Kd7** 1.69/21
[35...Kd6± 1.22/25 36.g4 Rd3]
36.g4 Kc6 37.Kg2 Rd4 1.78/22
[37...Rd5± 1.28/22 keeps fighting.]
38.Kg3 Kb5 2.33/23
[⌓38...Rd7 1.65/22 39.f3 Kb5]

(Diagram)



39.Re1! Rd7



Prevents Re7 **40.Re4 h6 41.h4 Ka4** 3.65/27
[⌓41...Kc6 2.27/24 42.Re5 Rb7]
42.h5 Kb5 43.Kf4 Kc6 44.f3 Kd5 3.76/25
[⌓44...Rb7 2.27/26 45.Rd4 Kb5]
45.Re5+ Kc6 46.Ke4 Rb7

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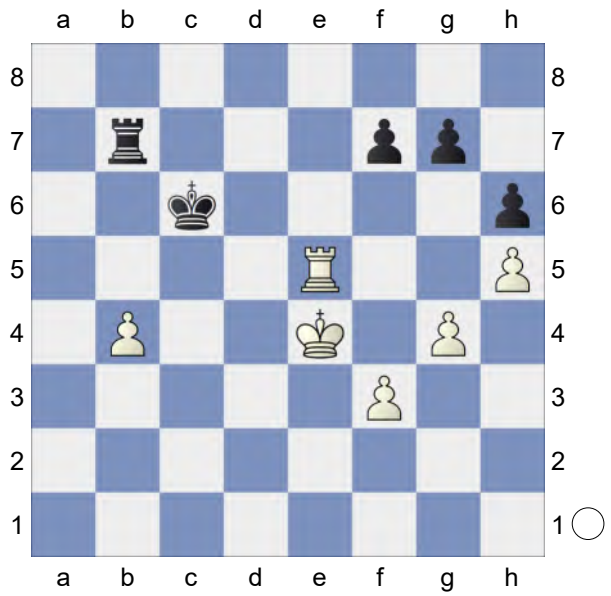
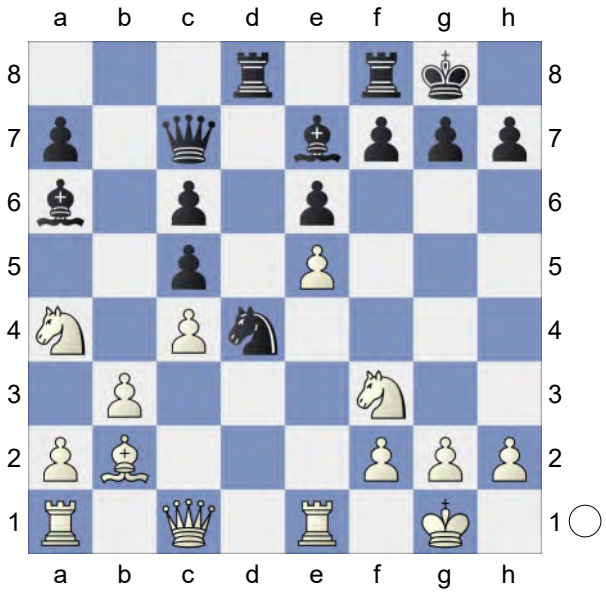


47.b5+ Kb6 48.f4 Rc7 49.Kf5 Rd7 6.36/28
[⌓49...Ka5 4.35/24 50.g5 hxg5]
50.Re8 Kxb5 51.Rg8 Rd5+ 52.Ke4 Rd7 53.Ke5
[Worse is 53.Rxg7 f5+ 54.Kxf5 Rxg7=]
53...f6+ 54.Kf5 Kc4 55.Kg6 Rd4 56.Rxg7 Rxf4 57.Kxh6 Kd5 58.Rg6 Rb4 59.Kg7
[59.Rxf6 Rxg4 60.Rg6 Re4±]
59...Ra4 60.h6 Ra7+ 61.Kh8 Kc6 62.h7 Rb7 63.Kg8 20.01/20
[⌓63.Rxf6+ #20/24 Kd5 64.Kg8 Rb8+ 65.Kg7 *(65.Rf8 Rb4+-)* 65...Ke5 66.Rf5+ *(66.h8R Rb7+ 67.Rf7 Rb1+-; 66.h8Q Rxh8 67.Rf5+ Kd6 68.Kxh8 Ke6 69.Kg7 Ke7 70.Rf6 Kd7)* 66...Ke4 67.h8Q *(67.h8R Rb7+ 68.Kg6 Rd7+-)* 67...Rxh8 68.Kxh8]
63...Rb8+ 64.Kg7 Rb7+ 65.Kh6 Rb1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.73 **66.h8Q**
1-0

274 **B30**
□ **Lee,Megan** **2253**
■ **Lee,Alice** **2395**
ch-w 2024 Saint Louis USA (7.3)
[Kitty Kat]

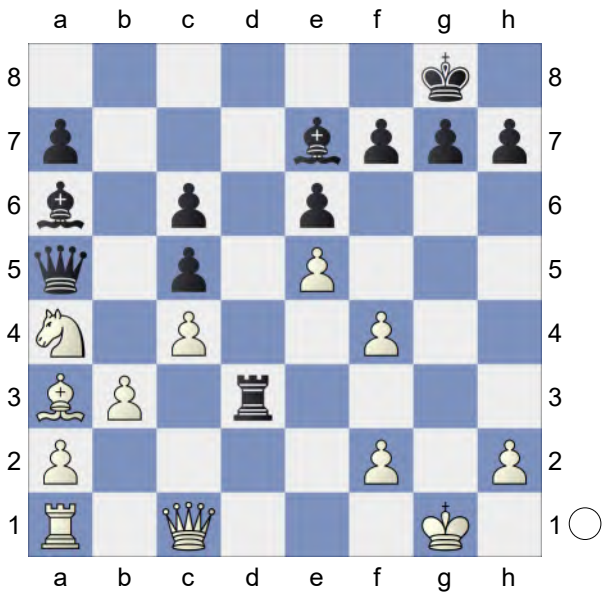
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 Qc7 0.63/25

[5...f6= 0.24/21]
6.Bb2± d6 7.e5 d5 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Ne7 9.Re1 Nf5 10.d3 Be7 11.c4 Ba6 12.Nc3 Rd8!** And now ...dxc4 would win. **13.Qc1 0-0 14.Na4 dxc4** 1.12/19
[⌓14...Nd4 0.76/19]
15.dxc4± Nd4



16.Re4 0.51/24
[White should play 16.Qc3!± 1.47/19]
16...Nxf3+ 17.gxf3 Rd3 Inhibits Qe3.
18.f4
[18.Rg4 is interesting. Rfd8 19.Qh6 g6 20.Rg3]
18...Rfd8 19.Re3 R8d7 20.Rxd3 Rxd3 21.Ba3 Qa5 2.01/20
[21...f6± 0.70/20]

(Diagram)



Loses the game. **22.Qe1!+- Qd8 23.Bxc5 g5** 2.90/20
[23...h6 1.71/20 keeps fighting. 24.Qe2 *(24.Bxa7 c5=)* 24...Bxc5 25.Nxc5 Rd2]
24.Qe2 Hoping for Bxe7.
[24.Bxa7 gxf4 25.Bb6 Qf8±]
24...gxf4? 5.89/21
[24...Bf8 2.72/17 is tougher. 25.f5 *(25.Bxa7 c5+-)* 25...Rd2 *(25...exf5? loses. 26.e6+-)*]
25.Bxe7 White is clearly winning.
[25.Bxa7 f3 26.Qf1 Rd5=]
25...f3

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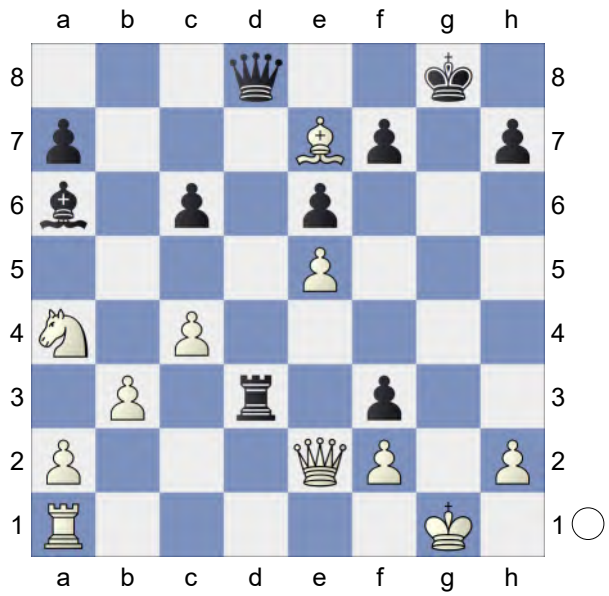
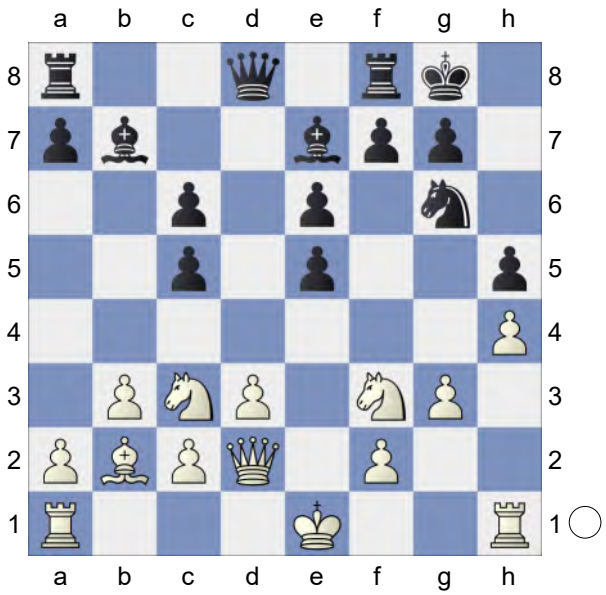


26.Qxf3 Rxf3 27.Bxd8 Rd3 28.Bf6 Bc8 29.Nc5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.43
1-0

275 **B30**
□ **Hedman,Erik** **2323**
■ **Trost,Edvin** **2398**
Fagernes op-A (6) 06.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

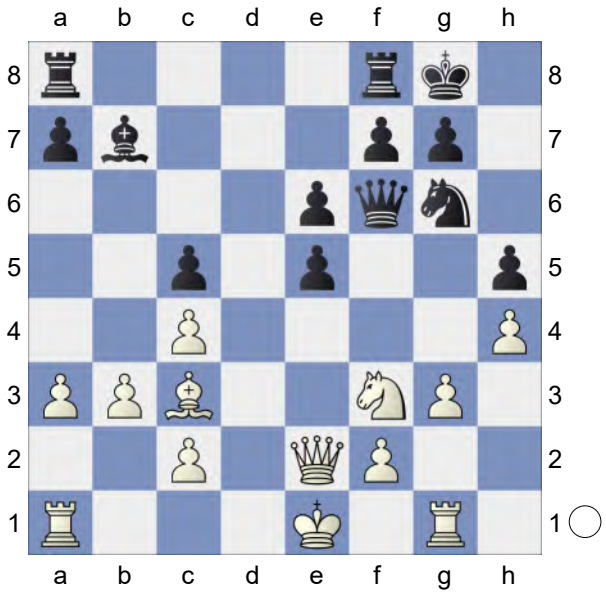
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.b3 Ng6 7.h4! outshines the older 7.Bb2. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.Lb2. **7...h5! 8.e5** White is slightly better. **8...d6 9.Nc3N**
[Vorgänger: 9.Bb2 dxe5 10.Nbd2 f6 11.Ne4 -0.21/20 *(White should try 11.Nc4± 0.55/22)* 11...Ne7 0.44/21 *(11...c4= -0.21/20)* 12.Nfd2± Nf5 13.Nc4 -0.01/19 *(13.g4± 0.58/22)* 13...Ba6!= 14.Qf3 -0.38/22 *(14.g3= 0.07/22)* 14...Qd7 0.52/21 *(14...Bxc4∓ -0.38/22 15.dxc4 Nd4)* 15.0-0-0 1-0 (90) Alekseenko,K (2702)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Chess.com INT 2022]
9...dxe5 10.Qd2 -0.15/23
[10.Qe2± 0.34/20]
10...Be7 0.58/20
[10...c4!= -0.15/23]
11.g3 -0.01/21
[11.Ba3± 0.58/20]
11...0-0 0.37/20
[11...c4= -0.01/21]
12.Bb2 -0.01/20

[12.Qe2± 0.37/20]
This costs Black the game. **12...Bb7?** 1.73/22
[12...c4!= -0.01/20]



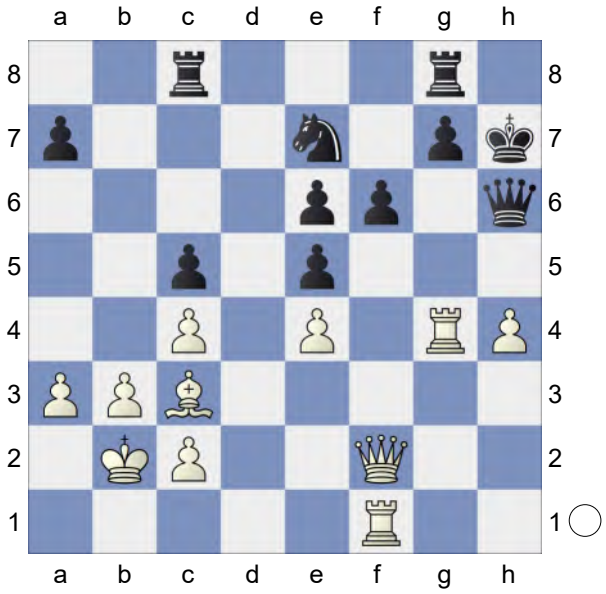
13.Qe2!+- c4 14.dxc4 Bb4 2.42/23
[14...c5± 1.45/22]
15.a3!
[15.Nxe5? Qd4 *(15...Qa5? 16.0-0-0-+)* 16.0-0 Qxe5-+ *(16...Bxc3? 17.Nxg6 fxg6 18.Qxe6+ Rf7 19.Rad1-+)*]
15...Bxc3+ 16.Bxc3 c5 and ...Qf6 would now be decisive **17.Rg1 Qf6**

(Diagram)



18.Nd2
[18.Nxe5 Rfd8±]
18...Qf5 19.0-0-0 Rfd8 2.69/23
[19...e4 1.61/21 20.Rge1 Rfd8]
20.f3 Strongly threatening Rdf1. **20...f6** 2.98/20
[⌓20...Rxd2 1.98/21 21.Rxd2 *(21.Qxd2 Bxf3 22.Rde1 Rb8±)* 21...Bxf3]
21.Qe3 Rac8 22.Rdf1 Kh7 23.g4 Qf4 24.Qf2 Ne7 2.46/22
[⌓24...Rxd2 1.61/25 25.Bxd2 Qd4 26.Qxd4 *(26.gxh5? Qa1#)* 26...exd4]
25.Kb2
[25.gxh5?! Nf5±]
25...hxg4? 5.01/24
[25...Rd7 2.17/21 was worth a try. 26.Re1 *(26.gxh5 Nf5±)* 26...Rxd2 27.Bxd2 Qxf3 28.Qxf3 Bxf3]
26.Rxg4 Qh6 27.Ne4 Bxe4 5.60/23
[⌓27...Nf5 3.80/21 28.Rfg1 *(28.Nxc5 Bxf3 29.Qxf3 Rxc5±)* 28...Bc6]
28.fxe4
[28.Rxe4 Qh5±]
28...Rg8 7.81/23
[⌓28...Ng6 5.13/23 29.Rfg1 Nf4

30.Rxg7+ Qxg7]



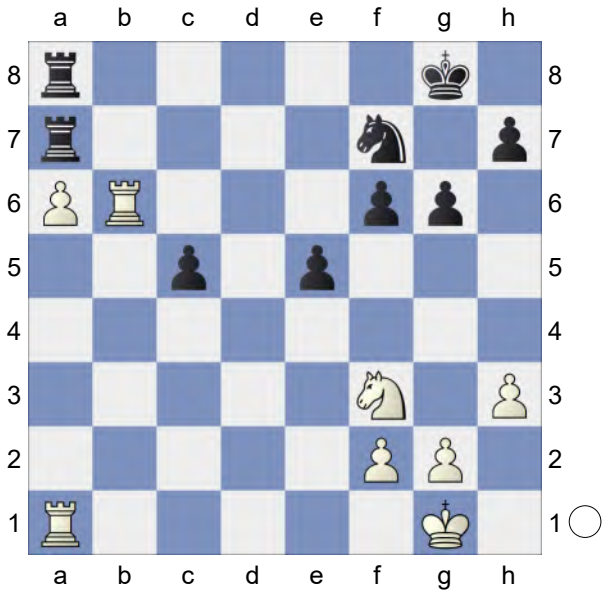
29.h5! f5
[29...Rcd8 30.Qxc5]
30.Rg2 Qf6 31.Rfg1 g5 32.hxg6+ Rxg6 33.Rxg6 Nxg6 34.Qh2+ Qh4 35.Qxh4+
[35.Bxe5 Qxh2 36.Bxh2 f4±]
35...Nxh4 Endgame KRB-KRN **36.Rh1**
[Weaker is 36.Bxe5 Nf3 37.Rg7+ Kh6+-]
36...Kg6 37.Rxh4 KRB-KR **37...Kg5 38.Rh1 f4 39.Bxe5 f3 40.Rg1+ Kh4 41.Kc3 Rd8 42.Bf6+ Kh3 43.Bxd8 f2 44.Rd1 Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.84
45.Be7
1-0

276 **B30**
□ **Goryachkina,Aleksandra** **2584**
■ **Al Tarbosh,Ward** **2238**
Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Late ..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

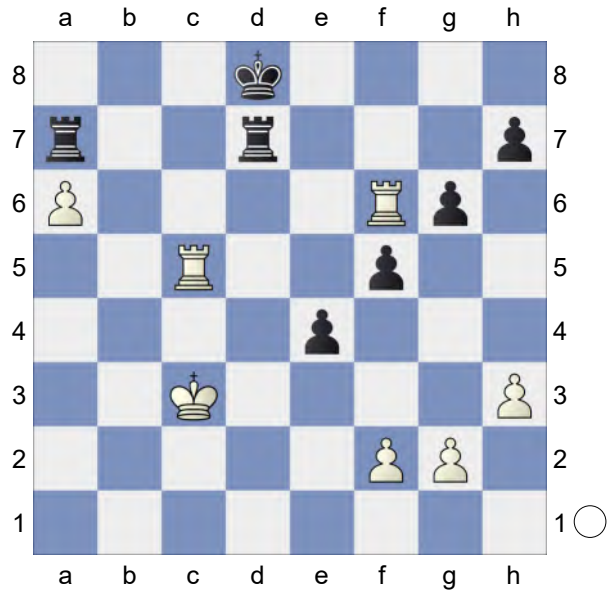
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 a5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 f6 6.0-0 Nh6 7.c3!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
7...Be7 8.d4 cxd4N 0.64/22
[Predecessor: 8...Nf7 9.Ba3 cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0 11.Qc1 Bb7 12.Nbd2 0.01/22 *(12.Bxe7± 0.38/20 Qxe7 13.Qe3)* 12...Rc8 13.Re1 d6 14.Qc4 Qd7 ½-½ (31) Iljiushenok,I (2516)-Iljin,T (2273) Cheliabinsk 2020]

[8...Nf7= 0.21/24]
9.cxd4 0.23/21
[9.Bxh6± 0.64/22 gxh6 10.cxd4 *(10.Qxd4 0-0±; 10.Nxd4 0-0±)*]
9...0-0 0.69/19
[9...Nf7= 0.23/21]
10.Ba3 0.18/20
[10.Bxh6± 0.69/19 gxh6 11.Re1]
10...Bxa3= 11.Nxa3 Ba6 12.Re1 Qe7 0.55/20
[12...f5= 0.13/21]
13.Nc2± Nf7 14.Qd2 e5 1.07/19
[14...Bb7± 0.45/19]
15.Rad1 0.71/21
[⌓15.Rac1 1.07/19]
15...d6 16.Ne3 g6 17.b4 Rfd8 18.a4 Rab8 1.26/21
[⌓18...Rac8 0.72/19]
19.d5 0.76/21
[19.h4 1.26/21]
19...Bb7± 20.dxc6 -0.01/18
[20.Rc1± 0.73/22 Rdc8 21.b5 cxb5 22.axb5]
20...Bxc6= 21.Nd5! Bxd5 22.exd5 Qb7 ...Rdc8! is the strong threat. **23.b5 a6** 0.66/24
[23...Rbc8= 0.01/22]
24.Rb1± axb5 25.Rxb5 Qa6 26.Reb1 White is more active. **26...Rbc8 27.a5 Rc7 28.Rb6 Qc4 29.a6↑** White is really pushing. **29...Ra7?** 2.79/22
[29...Ra8± 0.77/22]
30.Qb4? -0.01/24
[30.R1b4+- 2.79/22 Qc5 31.R4b5]
30...Qxd5 0.43/23
[30...Qa2!= -0.01/24 should be considered.]
31.h3 -0.01/22
[31.Qa4± 0.43/23]
31...Rda8 0.70/22
[31...Qa2= -0.01/22]
32.Ra1 Qc5 1.79/23
[32...Kg7± 0.89/20 was necessary.]
33.Qxc5+- dxc5



34.Nd2!
[34.Rxf6 c4±]
34...f5 Inhibits Ne4. **35.Nc4** White has strong compensation. **35...e4 36.Kf1 Kg7 37.Ke2** 0.95/19
[⌓37.g4 1.44/20]
37...Kf8 2.06/20
[37...Kh6± 0.95/19]
38.Ra5 1.23/20
[38.Ke3+- 2.06/20]
38...Ke8 2.58/20
[38...Nd8± 1.23/20]
39.Nd6+? 0.01/21
[And not 39.Rxc5 Rxa6 40.Rxa6 Rxa6∓]
[White should try 39.Ke3+- 2.58/20]
39...Nxd6= 40.Rxd6 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **40...Ke7 41.Rb6 Kd7 42.Kd2 Kc7 43.Rf6 Rd8+** 0.46/24
[43...Kd7= 0.04/23]
44.Kc3 0.01/21
[44.Ke2± 0.46/24]
44...Rd7 0.93/22
[44...Kb8= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
45.Rxc5+ 1.84/5
[45.Rb5± 0.93/22]

45...Kd8+-

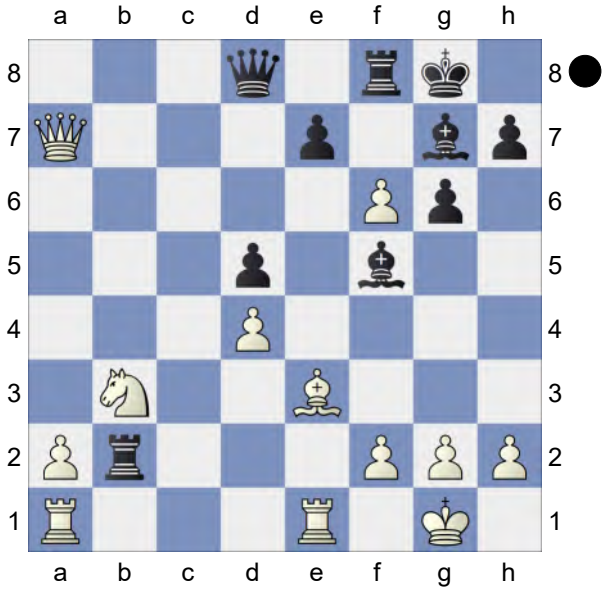


46.Kc4! Rd1? 5.01/23
[46...Rd3± 1.10/22]
47.Rd5+ Rxd5 48.Kxd5 Ke7 49.Rb6 Strongly threatening Rb7+. **49...Kd8 50.g3 Ra8 51.Rf6** 2.56/26
[⌓51.Kd6 5.99/26 Kc8 52.Kc5]
51...Kc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/Black=0.47 **52.Kc5?** 0.50/29
[52.g4+- 2.83/28]
1-0

277 **B31**
□ **Xu,Yi** **2510**
■ **Terzi,Alexei** **2272**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

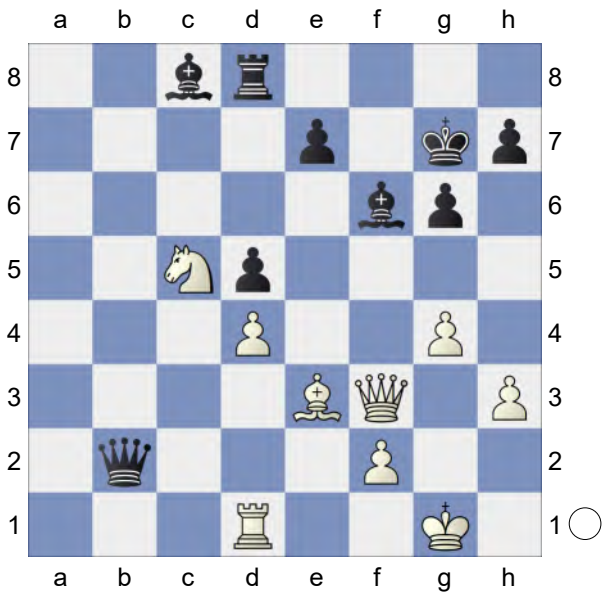
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.Be3! is now more promising than 10.Nbd2. im Vergleich zu 10.Sbd2 vielversprechender. **10...Rb8 11.Qc1 Bg4N**
[Vorgänger: 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 f6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Nb3 Qd7 15.exf6 exf6 16.Nh4 And now f3 would win. Be6 17.f3 g5! 18.fxe4 dxe4 ½-½ (58) Svidler,P (2694)-Shevchenko,K (2632) Riga 2021]
12.Nbd2 White is slightly better.
12...Nxd2 13.Nxd2 cxd4 1.23/23
[13...Qb6± 0.47/22]
14.cxd4 c5 1.49/21 **15.Qxc5± Rxb2 16.Nb3 Bf5** 1.84/21
[16...Re8± 1.42/22 17.Rec1

(17.Qxa7 Qa8±) 17...Qb8]
17.Qxa7+- f6 2.18/22
[⌓17...e6 1.63/22]
18.exf6? 0.28/23
[18.e6+- 2.18/22]



18...Bxf6= 19.h3 Qa8 20.Qc7 Rxa2 21.Rxa2 Qxa2 22.Nc5 Rc8 23.Qg3 Qb2 24.Qf3 Rd8 25.Rd1 0.20/23
[25.g4± 0.56/21 Bc8 26.Kg2]
25...Kg7 0.81/24
[25...h5= 0.20/23 keeps the balance.]
26.g4 This move loses the game for Black. **26...Bc8** 5.94/22
[Black should play 26...Be4!± 0.52/24 27.Qg3 *(27.Nxe4 dxe4 28.Qxe4 Qb3=)* 27...Kg8]

(Diagram)

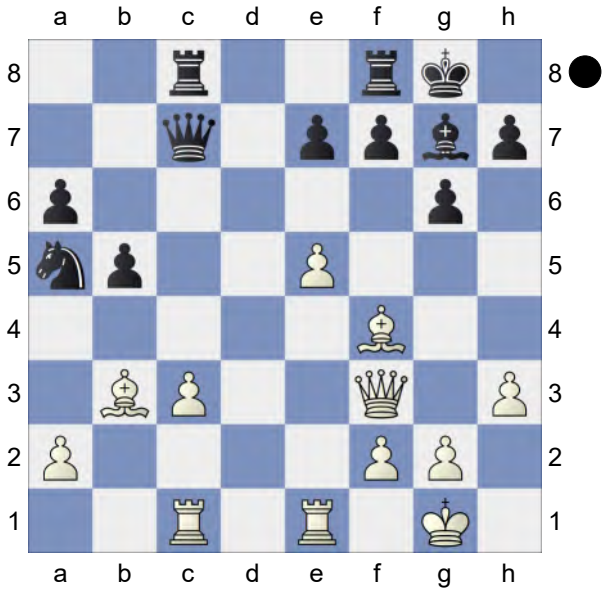


27.g5+- Rf8 28.gxf6+ Rxf6 29.Qg2 Qe2 30.Rc1 Qh5 31.Nd3 Bxh3 32.Qg5
[Don't blunder 32.Nf4? Rxf4 *(32...Bxg2? too greedy. 33.Nxh5+ gxh5 34.Kxg2+-)* 33.Bxf4 Bxg2-+]
32...Qf3 33.Ne5 Qe2 34.Qh6+ Kg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.90 **35.Qxh3**
1-0

278 **B31**
□ **Al Ali,Hussein Ali Hussein** **2273**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2715**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.1) 25.09.18
[TA]

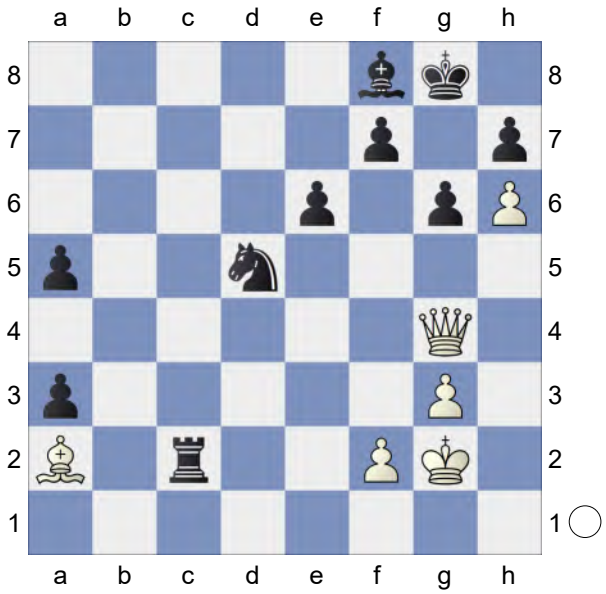
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 0-0 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 d6 LiveBook: 87 Games **11.Bf4** B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6
[11.exd6 exd6 12.a4 Na5 13.Re1 a6 14.Bf1 Be6 15.Ng5 Bd5 16.Ne4 Re8 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Nf6+ Bxf6 19.Bxf6 Rxe1 20.Qxe1 1/2-1/2 (40) Zvjaginsev,V (2635)-Bacrot,E (2721)

Mainz 2009]
11...dxe5 12.dxe5N
[Predecessor: 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Qa5 15.Qe2 Be6 16.Bc4 Bxc4 17.Qxc4 Rac8 18.Qb4 Qxe5 0-1 (46) Bosio,F (2099)-Saucey,M (2348) Pornic 2008]
12...Qc7 13.Re1 Black is slightly better.
13...Bg4 14.Qe2 a6 15.Ba4 Rac8 16.Rac1 Na5
[16...e6∓]
17.Bb3 b5 18.h3 Bxf3 19.Qxf3



Hoping for e6. **19...e6 20.h4 Nc4 21.Qe2 Rfd8 22.Rcd1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1**
[White should play 23.Qxd1∓ Nb6 24.Qd6]
23...Bxe5-+ 24.Bg5 Bxc3 25.Qf3 Bg7 26.h5 a5 27.h6 Bf8 28.a4 bxa4 29.Ba2
[29.Bxa4 was necessary. Nb6 30.Qe4]
29...Nb6 30.Qg4 Qc6 31.g3 a3 32.Re1 Nd5 33.Rc1 Qxc1+ 34.Bxc1 Rxc1+ 35.Kg2 Rc2

(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Ne3+.
36.Bxd5 exd5 Endgame KQ-KRB
37.Qa4 a2 38.Qxa5 d4 Black mates.
39.Qa4 d3 40.Kf3 Rb2 41.Ke3 d2 42.Ke2 Rb1 Precision: White = 31%, Black = 79%.
0-1

279 **B30**
□ **Song,Ethan** **2313**
■ **Tang,Zoey** **2261**
Seattle PNWCC IM 10 (3) 12.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7

11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Nf6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.c4 Qc7! White has an edge. is more profitable than 11...Be7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 11...Le7. **12.Nxc6** -0.32/21

[12.Nc3= 0.30/20]

12...Bxc6∓ 13.Nc3 Be7N 0.19/20

[13...Rd8 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.h3 h5 16.Rad1 Ng4 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Bh2+? 3.34/5 *(18...Nxe3=* 0.08/22 and Black stays safe. *19.Qxe3 e5)* 19.Kh1+- Bf4 0-1 Stremavicius,P (2320)-Pultinevicius,P (2546) LTU-chT Lithuania 2022 (5.1)]

[13...h5∓ -0.55/24]

14.h3= 0-0 15.a3 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Rac8 17.Rac1 h6 18.Na4 Nd7 19.b4 Bg5 20.Nc3 Nf6 21.Bxg5 -0.01/20

[21.Qe2± 0.41/21 is superior.]

21...hxg5 22.Re3 g4 23.h4 Qf4 24.Rce1 -1.00/26

[24.Rd1= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

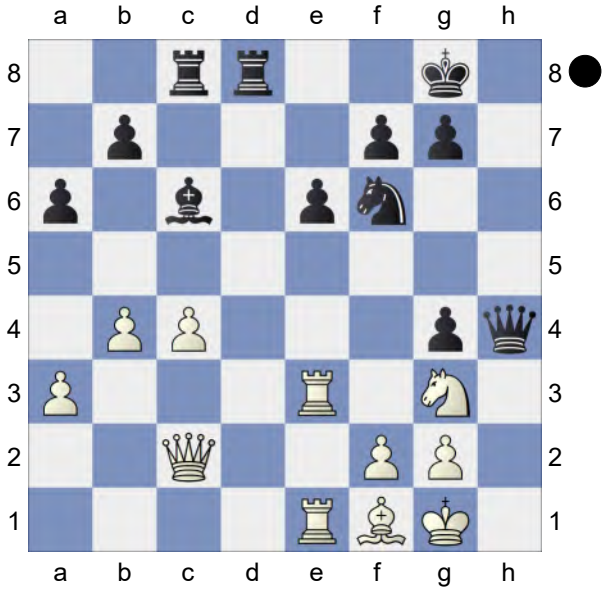
24...Qh6 -0.32/22 Black is more active.

[24...g3∓ -1.00/26 25.fxg3 Qd4]

25.Ne2? -2.53/22

[25.Rd1∓ -0.32/22]

25...Qxh4-+ 26.Ng3



g6! 27.Bd3 Kg7 28.Qc3 Rh8 29.Kf1 Rcd8 -1.27/24

[29...Kg8-+ -2.40/21 30.Qe5 Rd8]

30.Be4∓ Kg8 31.Bxc6 bxc6 32.Re5 -1.81/23

[32.Rd3∓ -1.21/26 Nh5 33.Rxd8+ Qxd8 34.Ne2]

32...Nh5-+ 33.R5e4 -2.28/24 Inhibits Nf4.

[33.Nxh5∓ -1.44/25 Rxh5 34.Rxh5 Qxh5 *(34...gxh5 35.Kg1=)* 35.Kg1]

33...Qg5 -1.35/26

[33...Nxg3+ 34.Qxg3 Qg5 35.f4 Rh1+ 36.Kf2]

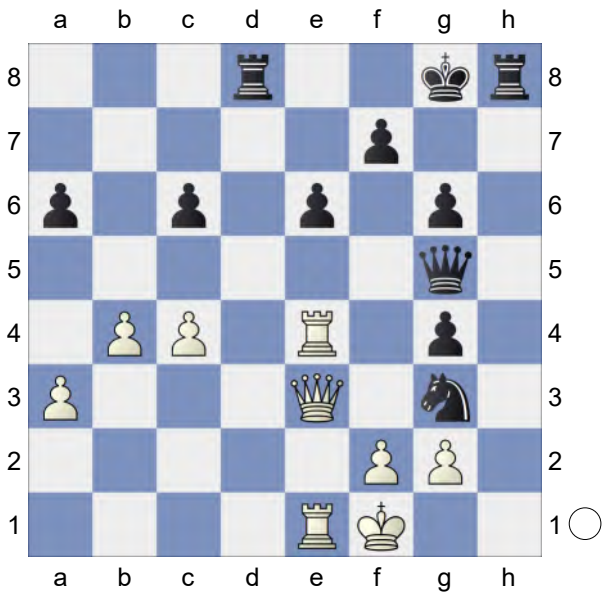
[Better is 33...Rd6-+ -2.28/24 aiming for ...Qd8. 34.Qe3 Nxg3+ 35.fxg3 Qf6+ *(35...Qh1+ 36.Kf2∓)* 36.Kg1 Rh5]

34.Qe3? -5.21/26

[34.Kg1∓ -1.35/26]

34...Nxg3+

(Diagram)



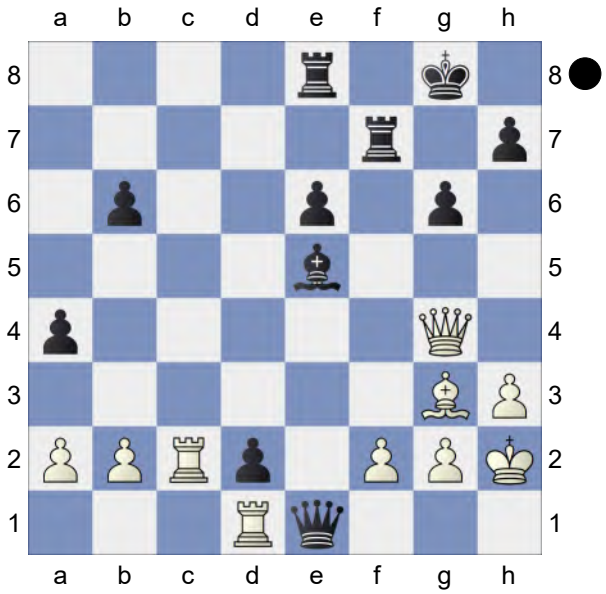
Remove Defender. Black is clearly winning. **35.fxg3 Rh1+ 36.Ke2 Rxe1+ 37.Kxe1** Endgame KQR-KQR. Black is a pawn up. **37...Qf6 38.Re5 Qh8 39.Kf2 Rd1 40.Qc3 Qf6+ 41.Ke3 Qf1 42.Re4 Re1+ 43.Kd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/Black=0.16 (very precise) **43...Qf6+**
0-1

280 **B31**
□ **Cornelisse,Johnny J A** **2203**
■ **Erdos,Viktor** **2587**
Reykjavik op (1) 29.03.2023
[TA]

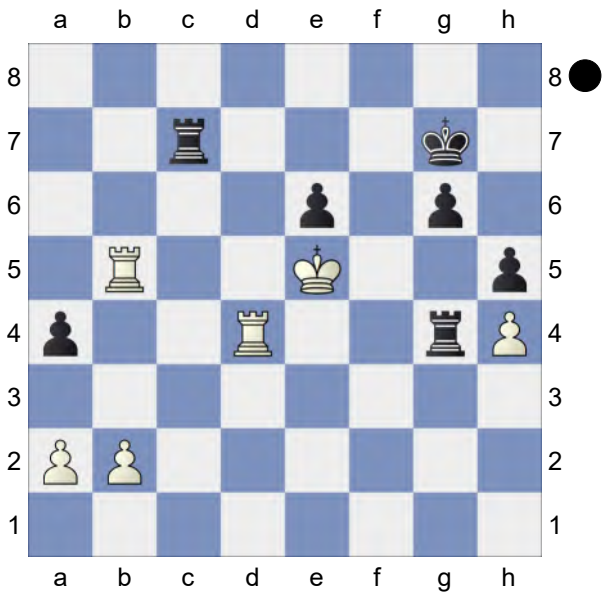
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 a6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.d4 Bg4 9.Nbd2 White is slightly better.
[9.dxc5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Nxe4=]
9...cxd4 10.cxd4 0-0 0.73/21
[10...e5!= 0.29/22]
11.h3± Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Nd7 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Qb3 Qb5 15.Qa3 Rfe8 16.Rad1 a5 17.Bc1 a4 18.d5 -0.17/21
[18.e5± 0.37/21]
18...Nb6 19.Nd4 -0.88/25
[19.dxc6= 0.15/22 remains equal. Qxc6 20.Qd3]
19...Qc4∓ 20.Be3 -1.09/24
[20.b3? axb3 21.Qxb3 *(21.axb3? Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Rxa3-+)* 21...Bxd4-+]
[20.Nf3∓ -0.61/22 feels stronger.]
20...cxd5 21.Ne6 Discovered Attack **21...fxe6 22.Bxb6 Qb5 23.Bd4 e5 24.Bc5 e6 25.Rc1 Rad8** -0.32/22

[25...Rac8∓ -1.29/22 26.Bb4 d4 27.Rxc8 Rxc8]
26.Bd6 -1.27/24
[26.Be7∓ -0.32/22 Rd7 27.Bb4]
26...Qa6 -0.44/22
[26...Bh6∓ -1.27/24 27.Rcd1 d4]
27.Bc7 -1.11/24
[White should play 27.Bb4∓ -0.44/22]
27...Rd7 -0.16/20
[27...Rc8∓ -1.11/24 28.Red1 d4 *(28...dxe4 29.Qe3=)*]
28.Qg3? -2.29/25
[28.exd5= -0.16/20 and White is okay. Rxd5 *(28...exd5 29.Bxe5 Rde7 30.Rc8=)* 29.b3]
28...Bh6!-+ 29.Rc5 b6 30.Rc2 d4
[30...Bf4 31.Qc3 Rc8 32.Qc6∓]
31.Bxe5 d3↑ Black is really pushing.
32.Rc6 -2.42/25
[32.Rc3∓ -1.55/25]
32...d2 -1.37/22
[32...Qb5-+ -2.42/25 33.Rd6 d2]
33.Rd1∓ Qe2 -0.56/27
[33...Qb5!∓ -1.46/25 34.Rc2 a3]
34.Qg4∓ Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Rf7 -0.06/26
[Black should play 35...Qxf2∓ -0.87/24 next ...Rdd8 is good for Black. 36.Rxe6 Rxe6 37.Qxe6+ Qf7]
36.Bg3 -0.99/26
[36.Rxb6= -0.06/26 a3 *(36...Qxf2 37.Rxe6 Rxe6 38.Qxe6=)* 37.bxa3]
36...Bg7∓ Black is more active. **37.e5?** -6.34/24
[37.f4∓ -0.92/24 Qxe4 38.Rd6]
37...Bxe5? -0.33/26
[37...h5-+ -6.34/24 38.f4 hxg4 39.Bxe1 dxe1B *(39...dxe1R? 40.Rxe1 Rxf4 41.Rxb6-+)* 40.Rxe1 Rxf4 41.Rxb6 gxh3]
38.Rc2? -9.45/29
[38.f4∓ -0.33/26 Bxf4 39.Bxf4]

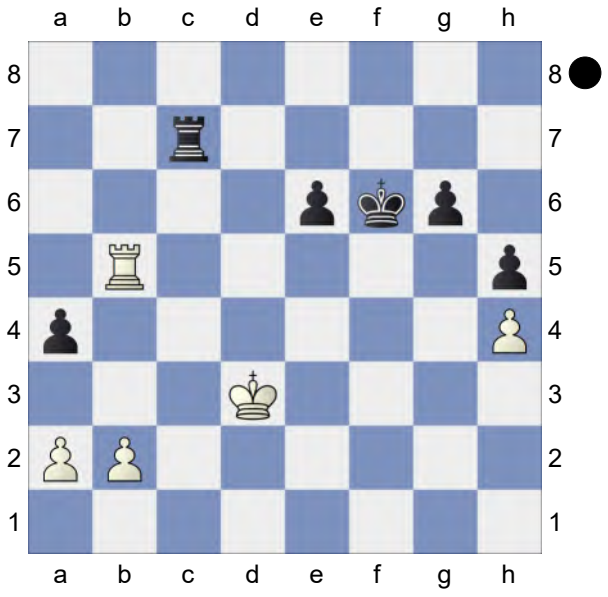
(Diagram)



38...Bxg3+!-+
[38...Rxf2 39.Rcxd2 Bxg3+ *(39...Qxd2 40.Rxd2 Bxg3+ 41.Kxg3=)* 40.Qxg3 Qxd2 41.Rxd2 Rxd2 42.Qc3=]
39.Kxg3 Qxf2+? -2.49/5
[39...Rxf2 -8.41/27 (→ ...Rf1+) 40.Rxe1 Remove Defender dxe1Q 41.Rxf2 Rf8]
40.Kh2 Rf4? -0.37/25
[40...Rd7-+ -2.46/27 and ...Qe3 would now be decisive 41.Qg5 Qf5 42.Qxf5 exf5 43.Rdxd2 Rxd2 44.Rxd2 Re4]
41.Qg5!∓ Rf5 42.Qxd2 Qxd2 43.Rdxd2 Endgame KRR-KRR. Black is a pawn up. **43...Re7 44.Rc8+ Kg7 45.Rb8 b5 46.Kg3** -0.86/22
[46.Rd4∓ -0.37/23]
46...h5 47.h4 Rc7 48.Rdd8 -1.06/22
[48.Re2∓ -0.66/21]
48...Re5 49.Kf4 Re2 50.Rxb5? -3.50/24
[50.g4∓ -0.86/22]
50...Rxg2-+ 51.Ke5 Rg4 52.Rd4 -5.04/24
[52.b4 -3.47/23 was necessary. axb3 *(52...Rxh4? 53.Rbb8-+)* 53.axb3]



52...Rxd4? -1.48/20
[52...Rc4!-+ -5.04/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 53.Rb7+ Kh6 54.Rxc4 Rxc4 55.Kxe6 Rxh4]
53.Kxd4 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.
53...Kf6 54.Kd3? -3.14/28
[54.Rb4∓ -1.31/25]



54...a3! 55.bxa3? -6.48/25
[55.Rb3 -2.62/26 axb2 56.Rxb2]
[55.Rb8 axb2]
55...Ra7 Black is clearly winning. **56.Rb3 Ra4 57.Kc3 Rxh4 58.Rb7 Ra4 59.Kb3 Ra8 60.Rh7 e5 61.a4 e4 62.Rc7 e3 63.Rc4 Kf5 64.Kc2 Rd8 65.Rc7 h4 66.Re7 Kf4 67.Rf7+ Kg3 68.Re7 Kf2 69.Rf7+ Ke1 70.a5 Rc8+ 71.Kd3 e2 72.Rb7 Rd8+ 73.Ke3 Re8+ 74.Kd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.58 **74...Kf1**
0-1

281 **B31**
□ **Kamsky,Gata** **2609**
■ **Fang,Elbert** **2103**
Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
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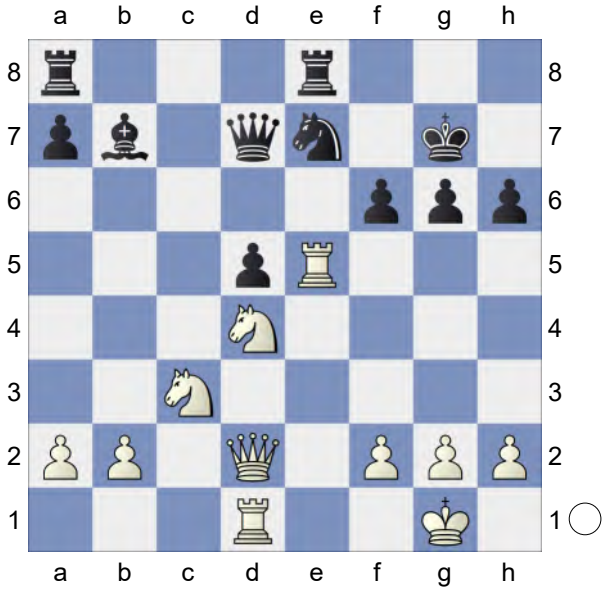
22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0 Bg7 5.Bxc6 bxc6 6.Re1 e5 7.c3 Ne7 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 exd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Nc3 h6 12.Be3!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **12...d5 13.exd5 cxd5 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.Rad1 Qd7** 0.93/21

[15...Re8± 0.46/20 was preferable.]

16.Bf4± White is better. **16...Bb7 17.Be5 Rfe8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nb3N** 0.45/21 White is much more active.

[Vorgänger: 19.Re5 0.72/21 19.h3 1.19 f6? 2.87/23 *(19...Ng8± 0.72/21 was called for. 20.Rxe8 Rxe8)*



20.Re3 1.21/20 *(20.Ne6+!+- 2.87/23 Kh7 21.Re2)* 20...Nc6± 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Nxc6 0.43/23 *(22.Nce2± 0.91/22)* 22...Qxc6 23.Qd4 Re7 24.f3 a6 25.Kf2 Qd6 26.Kg1 0.01/38 ;½-½ Krueger,A (2053)-Heldt,M (2122) Oberliga NRW 1718 2017 (6. 7) *(26.h3± 0.42/20)*]

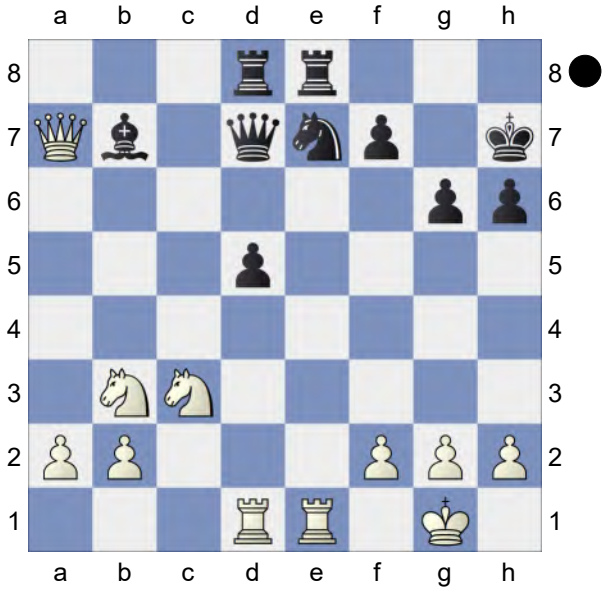
[19.h3± 1.14/22]

A mistake that costs the game.

19...Rad8? 1.97/22

[19...Nf5± 0.45/21]

20.Qd4++- Kh7 21.Qxa7



Nc6 22.Qb6 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 and Nc5 should not be overlooked

23...d4? 7.66/23

[23...Ba8 2.34/21 24.Nd4 Rb8]

24.Nc5 White is clearly winning.

24...Re8 25.N3e4 Excellent horsemanship.

[25.Nxd7? Rxe1#]

25...Qf5 Against Nf6+ **26.Qxb7 Ne5 27.h3**

[27.Qd5 Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Qxd5 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nxe8+ *(30.Nxd5? Rxe1+ 31.Kg2 Re5-+)* 30...Kh8±]

27...d3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.81 **28.Rd1**

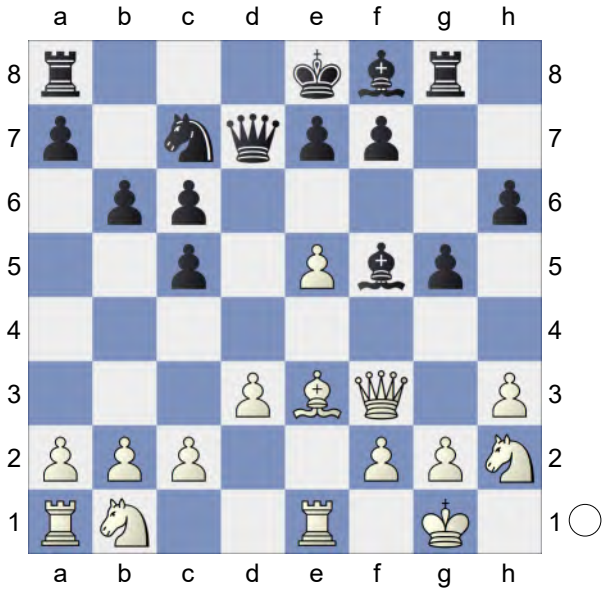
[And not 28.Qd5 Nf3+ 29.gxf3 Qxd5 30.Nf6+ Kg7 31.Nxe8+ *(31.Nxd5?* too greedy. *Rxe1+ 32.Kg2 Re5-+)* 31...Kh8=]

1-0

282 **B30**
□ **Haussernot,Cecile** **2108**
■ **Mekhitarian,Krikor Sevag** **2562**
Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

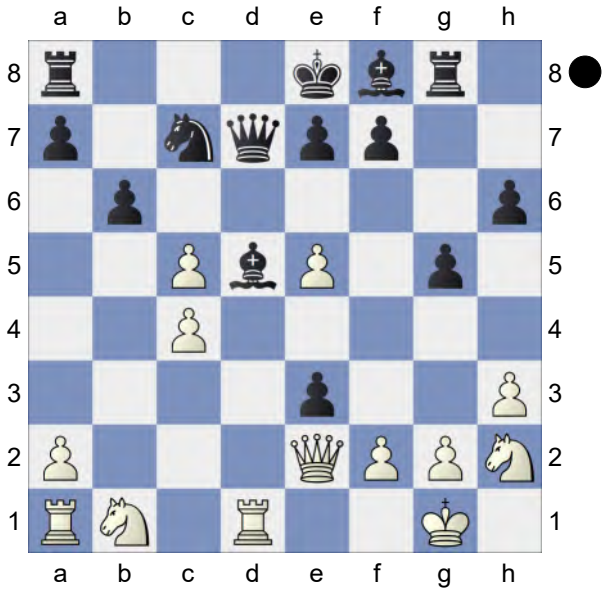
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.e5 Nd5 5.0-0 Nc7 6.Bxc6 dxc6
7.h3 -0.05/21 Inhibits Bg4.
[7.d3± 0.38/20]
7...h6! is currently scoring better than 7...g6. wohl besser als 7...g6. **8.Re1 g5**
9.d3N Black has an edge.
[9.Nh2 Bf5 10.b3 -0.47/22 *(10.d3=* -0.06/20 *)* 10...Ne6∓ 11.Bb2 h5 12.d3! Rh6 0.44/20 *(12...Qc7∓* -0.44/20 *)* 13.Nd2± Qd5 14.Nhf1 Black must now prevent Ne3. Bh7 1.00/21 *(14...Qd7!±* 0.48/21 *)* 15.a4 0.56/20 ;0-1 Radosavljevic,S (2285)-Nikcevic,N (2440) YUG-ch Banja Vrucica 1991 *(*Better is *15.Ne4±* 1.00/21 *)*]
9...Rg8 10.Nh2 Bf5 11.Qf3 -0.25/21
[⌓11.a4 0.13/19]
11...Qd7 0.14/20
[⌓11...Bg6 -0.25/21]
12.Be3 b6



13.d4 -1.29/21 **cxd4∓**
[13...Bxc2 14.dxc5 Bg7 15.Na3± *(15.cxb6 axb6 16.Na3 Rxa3±)*]
14.Rd1 -2.04/21
[14.Bxd4∓ -1.19/22 was called for. h5 *(14...Qxd4 15.Qxf5 Qxb2 16.Nd2-+)* 15.Be3]
14...c5-+
[14...Bxc2 15.Rxd4 Qe6 16.Na3=]
This costs White the game. **15.b4?**

-4.07/20
[15.c3∓ -1.53/21 d3 16.a4]
15...Be6
[15...cxb4 16.Rxd4 Qe6 17.g4±]
16.bxc5 Bd5 17.Qe2 -4.02/19
[17.Rxd4 -2.30/20 Bxf3 18.Rxd7 Kxd7 19.Nxf3]
17...dxe3 18.c4 -5.75/22
[⌓18.cxb6 -3.86/19 axb6 19.Nc3]



18...Bxc4! 19.Rxd7
[19.Qc2 e2]
19...Bxe2 20.Rxc7 Bg7 21.cxb6 Bxe5 22.b7 White is weak on the dark squares **22...Rb8 23.Rc8+ Kd7 24.Nc3 Rgxc8 25.bxc8Q+ Rxc8 26.Re1 exf2+**
[26...Bxc3? 27.Rxe2 exf2+ 28.Kxf2-+]
27.Kxf2 Rxc3 28.Rxe2 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is two pawns up. **28...Bg3+ 29.Kg1 Rc1+ 30.Nf1 h5 31.Rd2+ Ke8 32.Rd5 f6 33.Ra5 h4 34.Rxa7 Kf7 35.Rd7 Ra1 36.Rd2 e5 37.Rd3 e4**
[Less strong is 37...Rxa2 38.Nxg3 hxg3 39.Rxg3∓]
38.Re3 f5 39.a4 Be5 (→ ...Bd4!)
[39...Rxa4? 40.Nxg3 hxg3 41.Rxg3-+]
40.Rb3 Bd4+ Black mates. **41.Kh2 Rxf1 42.Rb7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.91/Black=0.43 **42...Ke6**
0-1

283 **B30**
□ **Ozdemir,Serhan Berat** **2223**
■ **Gorshtein,Ido** **2514**
Titled Tuesday intern op 09th May Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2

♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...cxd4 6.Nxd4 Ng6! is now more promising than 6...Qb6. im Vergleich zu 6...Db6 vielversprechender. **7.Nc3 Qc7 8.Be3 Bd6 9.h3N** 0.00/21

[Predecessor: 9.g3 0-0! 10.Be2 Be7 11.Qd2 0.01/21 *(11.Ncb5± 0.46/20 Qe5 12.Nc3)* 11...a6 12.Na4 -0.43/23 *(12.a4± 0.36/20)* 12...b5∓ 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Nb6 Rb8 15.Nxc8! Rfxc8 ½-½ Westerinen,H (2412)-Neverov,V (2578) Reykjavik op 2002 (2)]

[9.g3± 0.49/22]

9...Be5 0.63/21 Black is weak on the light squares

[9...a6= 0.00/21]

10.Be2 and Ncb5 should not be overlooked **10...0-0 11.Qd2 a6** 0.63/23 Prevents Ndb5.

[11...Nxd4= 0.22/25 12.Bxd4 Bh2+ 13.Kh1 Bf4]

12.Rad1 -0.04/23

[12.Nxc6!± 0.63/23 Qxc6 13.f3]

12...b5 13.a3 Bb7 0.41/22

[13...Nxd4= -0.01/22 is superior. 14.Bxd4 Bh2+ 15.Kh1 Bf4]

14.Nb3± Nf4 15.Bxf4 -0.66/22

[White should try 15.Qxd7± 0.40/21 Nxe2+ 16.Nxe2]

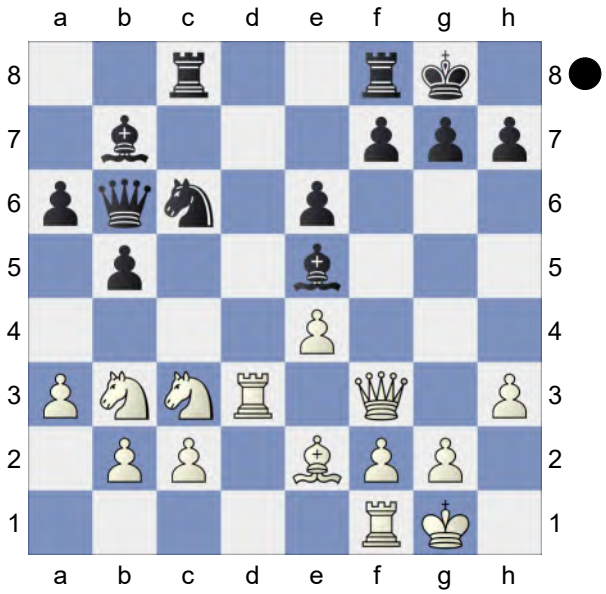
15...Bxf4∓ 16.Qxd7 Qb6 17.Qd3 Rac8 Black has strong compensation. Black is more active. **18.Qf3 Be5** -0.33/22

[Black should play 18...Bb8∓ -0.96/22]

19.Rd3 -0.97/20

[19.a4∓ -0.33/22]

(Diagram)



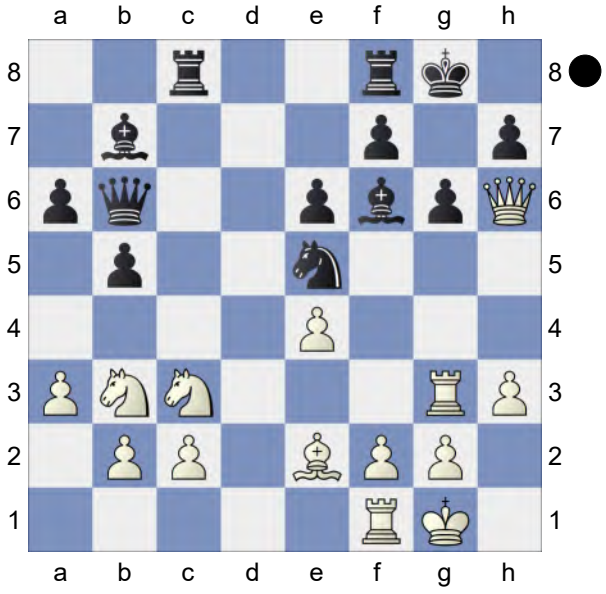
19...Bf6 -0.47/21

[19...Bb8!∓ -0.97/20 and ...Ne5 should not be overlooked 20.Qh5 Ne5]

20.Qh5 -1.74/20

[20.Qe3∓ -0.47/21 Qxe3 21.Rxe3]

20...Ne5-+ 21.Rg3 g6 22.Qh6



Bg7 -0.83/21 This pair of bishops is nice.

[22...Nc4!-+ -1.84/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 23.Qc1 *(23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Nc1 Be5-+)* 23...Be5]

23.Qd2? -2.41/23

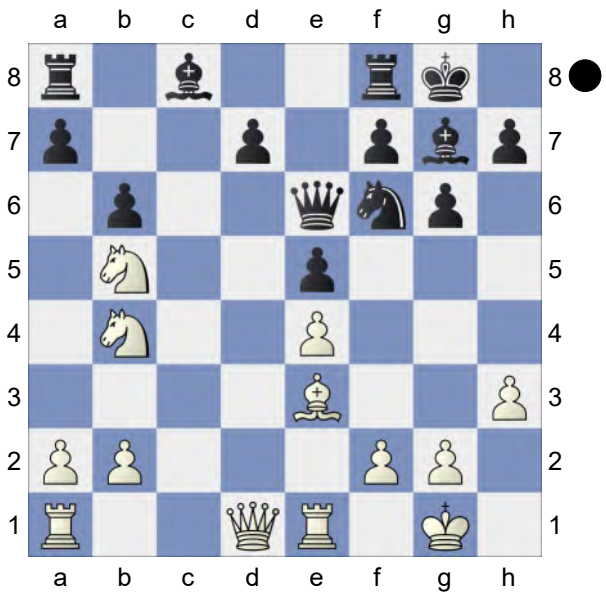
[23.Qe3∓ -0.83/21 Qc6 24.f4]

23...Rfd8 24.Qe1 -2.75/24
[24.Qc1∓ -1.49/20 was worth a try.]
24...h5 25.Kh2? -3.92/22
[25.Qc1 -2.08/20]
25...h4 26.Re3 Bh6 -2.75/22
[⌓26...Nc4 -4.65/22 27.Bxc4 bxc4]
27.f4? -8.03/21
[27.Kh1 -2.75/22]
27...Qxe3 Black is clearly winning.
28.fxe5 Bf4+ 29.Kh1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/Black=0.38 **29...Bg3 0-1**

284 **B31**
□ **Divya,Deshmukh** **2400**
■ **Soumya,Swaminathan** **2273**
IND-ch (Women) 49th (6) 05.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

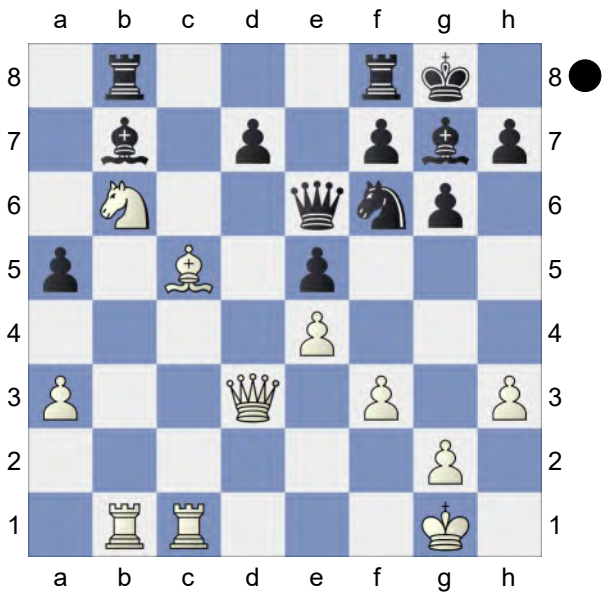
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.h3 e5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nxd4 is more profitable than 9...exd4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 9...exd4.
10.Nxd4 Qb6 11.Nc2 Qxb5 The position is equal. **12.Nc3 Qb6N**
[Predecessor: 12...Qc5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Qd3 -0.28/22 *(*White should try *15.Nd5±* 0.53/22 *Bg5 16.Nce3)* 15...d6 16.Nd5 -0.42/23 *(16.b4=* 0.01/23 *Qc6 17.Nd5)* 16...Bd8 -0.01/22 *(16...Bh4!∓* -0.42/23 *17.Nce3 Be6)* 17.Rac1 *(17.b4!? Qc6□ 18.Nce3=)* 17...Be6 18.b4 Qc6 1-0 Vaishali,R (2401)-Dalaud,D (2275) Sitges Sunway op 8th 2021 (6)]
13.Be3 White has compensation.
13...Qe6 14.Nb4 aiming for Nbd5.
14...b6! 15.Nb5? -3.78/23
[15.Nbd5= 0.01/21]

(Diagram)

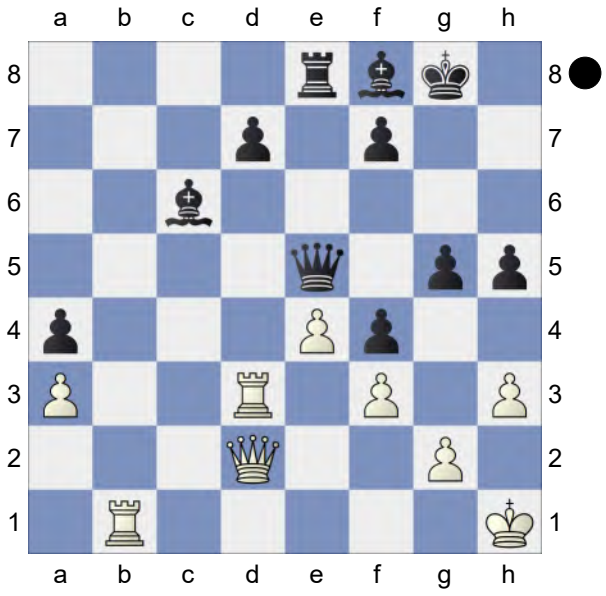


15...Qc4!-+
[15...Nxe4? 16.Nc7 Qe7 17.Nbd5+- *(17.Nxa8 Qxb4 18.Nc7 Nf6±)*]
16.Nd6 -3.90/24
[16.Nd5 -2.59/22 was forced. Qxb5 17.Nc7]
16...Qxb4 17.a3 Qxb2 18.Qd3 -5.24/21
[⌓18.Re2 -3.52/21 Qc3 19.Rc1]
18...a5 Black is clearly winning.
[18...Ne8 19.Reb1=]
19.Nc4 Qb5 20.Rab1 Qc6 21.Nxb6 Rb8
[Weaker is 21...Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Nxa8=]
22.f3 Bb7 23.Rec1 Qe6 24.Bc5

(Diagram)



Bc6! 25.Bxf8
[25.Bd6 Rb7]
25...Bxf8 26.Nc4 Ra8 27.Nb6 Re8 28.Kh1 Nh5 29.Nd5 Nf4 30.Nxf4 exf4 31.Rc3 a4 32.Qd2 Qe5 33.Rd3 h5 34.Qd1 g5 35.Qd2



g4! 36.Rf1
[36.Qc3 Qxc3]
36...g3 37.Rc1 Rb8 38.Rdc3 Rb6
And now ...Rb3 would win. **39.Qc2 Qb8 40.e5 Qxe5 41.Qd2 Rb3 42.Rc4**
White got outplayed after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/

Black=0.12 (very precise) **42...Re3**
0-1

285 **B31**
□ **Varun,V2.** **2173**
■ **Venkatesh,M.** **2362**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (6.12) 05.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5
A) 8.c4 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qh4 Ne6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Re1 Rb8 *(12...d6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rad1* Short and Sweet-Rossolimo Bxc6*)* 13.b3 a5 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Bc1 Bc8 17.Ba3 g5 18.Qg3 Nf4 19.Bd6 Qb7 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ned4 Nf4 1-0 8.0-0 ♘bc6 9.♗b5 a6_61385 (2441)-Cullip,S (2230) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (12);
B) 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 h6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nd3 12.Qe4 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 0-0 14.Rfd1 7. Rossolimo 3...g6 and 4...b-Rossolimo Qxd4]
4...Bg7 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.a3 a5 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Nc4 f6 11.Be3 b5 12.Ncd2 Nh6 13.h3 Prevents Ng4 **13...Nf7 14.Nb3 c4! 15.dxc4 Bxc4 16.Nfd2 Be6 17.a4 b4 18.Qe2 Nd6** Dodges Nc4 **19.Bb6 0-0 20.Nxa5 Rfb8 21.Nac4**
[Not 21.Nxc6 Qb7 22.Nxb8 Qxb6∓]
21...Nxc4 22.Nxc4 Qf7 23.Nd6 Qd7 24.Nc4 -0.01/20
[24.Bc5± 0.44/25 Ra5 25.Qe3]
24...Qf7= 25.Nd6 Qd7 26.Nc4 -0.01/21
[26.Bc5± 0.40/24 Ra5 27.Qe3]
26...Qf7 27.Nd6 Qd7 28.Nc4 -0.01/21
[28.Bc5± 0.89/24 Hoping for a5. Ra5 29.Qe3]
28...Qf7 29.Nd6 Qd7 30.Nc4 -0.01/20
[30.Bc5± 0.68/23 Ra5 31.Qe3 Rxc5 32.Qxc5]
30...Qf7 31.Nd6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

286 **B30**
□ **Khanipour,Abolfazl** **2117**
■ **Rasulov,Vugar Ural Oglu** **2531**
Kermanshah Taq e Bostan 3rd (4)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.Re1N
[5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8*

18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)*)* 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email 2011]

5...a6 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 Be7 0.79/24

[8...Nf6± 0.40/21]

9.c4 0.42/22

[9.dxc5± 0.79/24 0-0 10.a3]

9...Nf6± 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nc3 White is slightly better. **11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5!** is more profitable than 12...Bd7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 12...Ld7. **13.h3** Prevents Neg4. **13...Bd7 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rfd8 16.Be2** -0.01/21

[16.Nc2± 0.42/19]

16...Bc5 17.Red1 Be8N

[Vorgänger: 17...Rac8 18.Na4 -0.56/22 *(*White should play *18.a3=* 0.01/20 *)* 18...Bxa4∓ 19.Qxa4 Qb6 20.Qb3! Qxb3 21.axb3 h6 22.Kf1 Ne4 23.f3 Ng3+ 0-1 Demchenko,A (2653)-Abdusattorov,N (2688) Chess.com Rapid Wk23 Swiss 2022 (1)]

18.Na4 Bxa4! 19.Qxa4 Ng6 0.67/21

[19...Qb6= -0.26/23]

20.b4± Bd6 21.Bf3 Nh4 22.Bg5 -0.01/24

[22.c5± 0.40/23 feels stronger. Bh2+ 23.Kh1]

22...Bf4 0.44/21

[22...Nxf3+= -0.01/24 23.Nxf3 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.Qxb5 Qe7]

23.Bxf4 Nxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Qxf4 25.Qb3 h6 26.a3 Rac8 27.c5 Rd5 28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.Qc4 Qf5 30.Nd4 Qf6 Threatens to win with ...b5. **31.g3 Ne7 32.Kg2 Qe5 33.Nf3 Qc7 34.Rd1** 0.08/24

[34.a4± 0.57/21]

34...Nd5 35.Qd4 a5 36.Ne5 axb4 37.axb4 Ra8 0.59/23

[Better is 37...Nxb4= -0.01/23 38.Nxf7 Na6 *(38...Qxc5 39.Nd6=)*]

38.b5 Rc8 39.c6 0.27/24

[39.Rc1± 0.76/24]

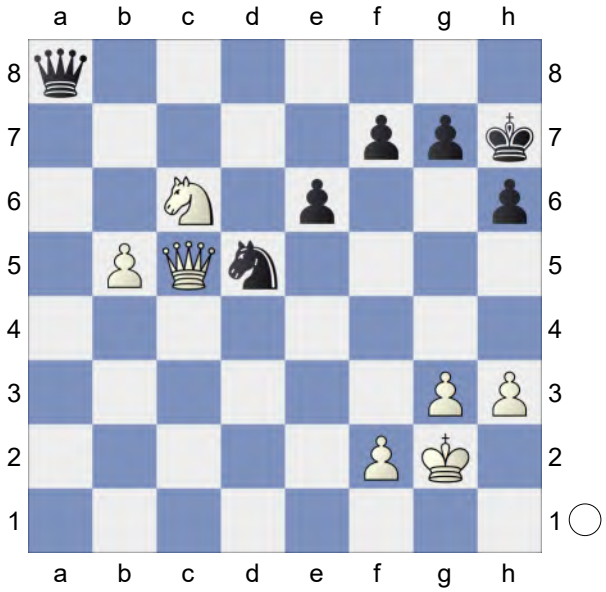
39...bxc6= 40.Nxc6 Qb7 41.Qc5 And now Rxd5 would win. **41...Kh7** 0.97/23

[41...Ra8= 0.27/23]

42.Ra1!± Ra8 1.16/27

[42...Qb6± 0.70/24 43.Qxb6 Nxb6]

43.Rxa8 Qxa8



44.Qa7! Qe8 45.Kh2 f5

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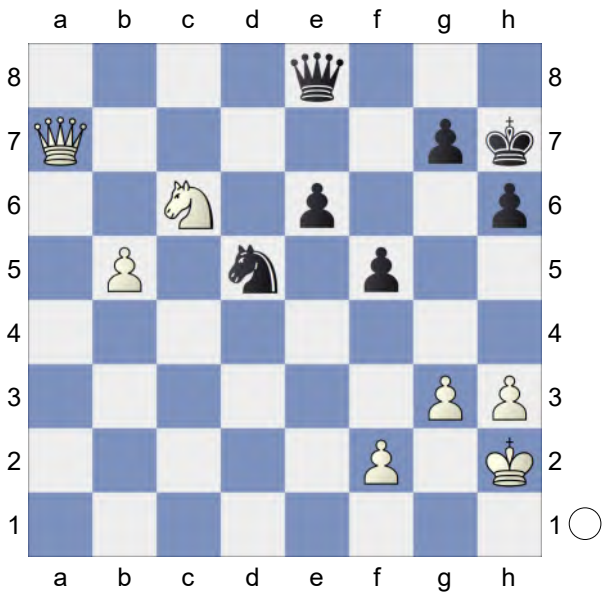
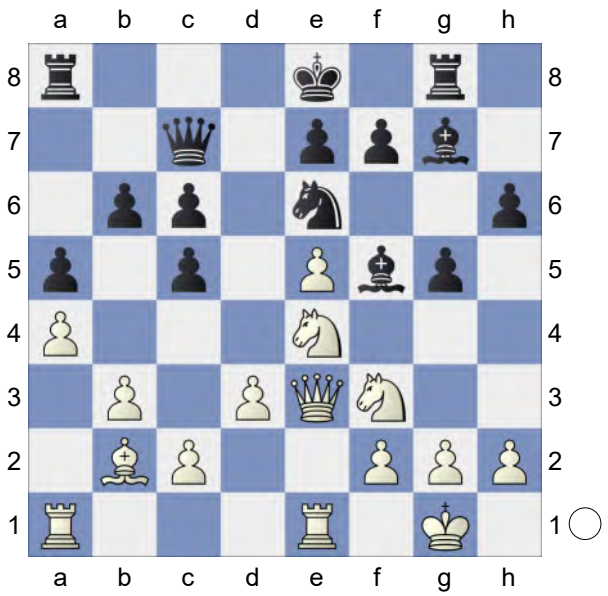


46.b6 0.01/22 White is more active. **46...Qxc6= 47.b7 Ne3!** Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.19 (very precise) **48.fxe3**
[48.b8N? Qg2#]
½-½

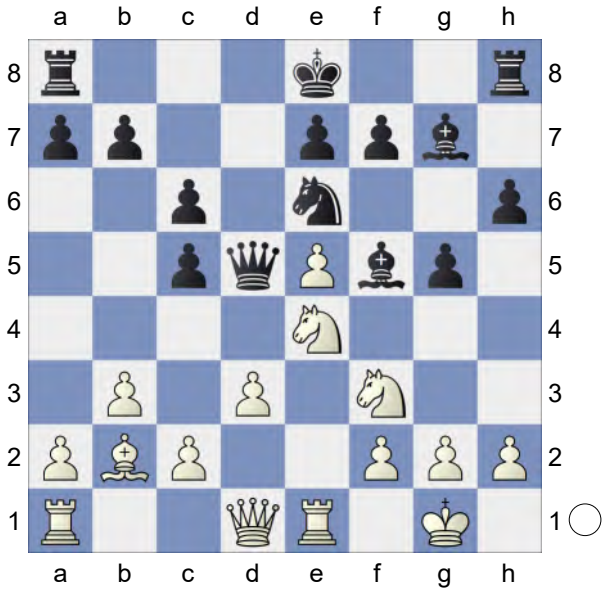
287 **B30**
□ **Jaskolka,Tomasz** **2188**
■ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.e5 Nd5 5.Nc3 Nc7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.0-0 h6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **8.Re1 Bf5 9.d3** White is slightly better. **9...Ne6 10.Ne4 g5 11.b3 Bg7 12.Bb2 Qd5N** 1.90/22
[Vorgänger: 12...Rg8 13.Qd2 Qc7 0.84/20 *(13...b6± 0.31/21)* 14.Qe3± b6 1.12/20 *(⌓14...Bxe4 0.73/20 15.Qxe4 Qd7)* 15.a4!± a5

(Diagram)



16.Ng3 0.28/23 (White should try *16.d4!±* 1.15/23) 16...Bg6= 17.Rad1 -0.01/20 (*17.d4±* 0.44/23) 17...Rd8 0.97/20 (*17...0-0-0=* -0.01/20) 18.h4± g4 1.19/21 1-0 (58) Domin,Y (1990)-Kislinsky,A (2364) Kiev 2022 (⌓*18...Qc8* 0.76/21)]
[Black should try 12...Qd7± 0.39/18]



13.c4? 0.01/24
[13.Nf6+!+- 1.90/22 Bxf6 (*13...exf6 14.exf6 Bg4 15.fxg7±*) 14.exf6]
13...Qd7= 14.d4 cxd4 Hoping for ...c5.
15.Nxd4
[15.Nf6+!? Bxf6 (*15...exf6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.exf6+ Ne6 18.fxg7=*) 16.exf6=]
15...Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Bxd4 0-0-0 18.Bc3 -0.68/23
[18.Ng3= 0.13/23 Bg6 19.Bxa7]
18...Rd3 -0.29/22
[18...g4!∓ -0.68/23]
White is on the road to losing. **19.Bb4** -1.59/23
[19.Rac1!= -0.29/22 remains equal.]
19...Bxe5∓ 20.Nc5 Bxa1 This pair of bishops is nice. **21.Nxd3 Bf6 22.Ne5 Be6↑** White is under strong pressure. **23.f3** -1.99/22
[23.h3∓ -1.55/21]
23...Rd8-+ 24.Kf2 -2.57/24
[⌓24.Kf1 -1.82/24]
24...c5 25.Bc3 Kc7 26.g3 b6 27.f4? -4.98/22
[27.g4 -1.72/18 is more resistant.]
27...gxf4 28.Ba1 -7.73/22
[⌓28.Rf1 -4.76/23 fxg3+ 29.hxg3]
28...Rd2+ 29.Kf3 fxg3 30.hxg3 Rxa2 31.Bc3 Ra3 32.Kf4 Rxb3 33.Ba1 Bg5+ 34.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=1.09/Black=0.40 **34...f5#**
0-1

288 **B30**
□ **Musial,Igor** **2304**
■ **Brezis,Ari** **2174**
Krakow op-A 35th (7) 02.01.2025
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4

13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...Nf6N

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.Nc3 Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5 7.0-0! now scores much better than the old 7.Ng5. punktet besser als das ältere 7.Sg5. **7...Nc7 8.Nxc7+ Qxc7 9.d4 cxd4** Black is weak on the dark squares. White is slightly better. **10.Qxd4 e6 11.Bg5** 0.08/22

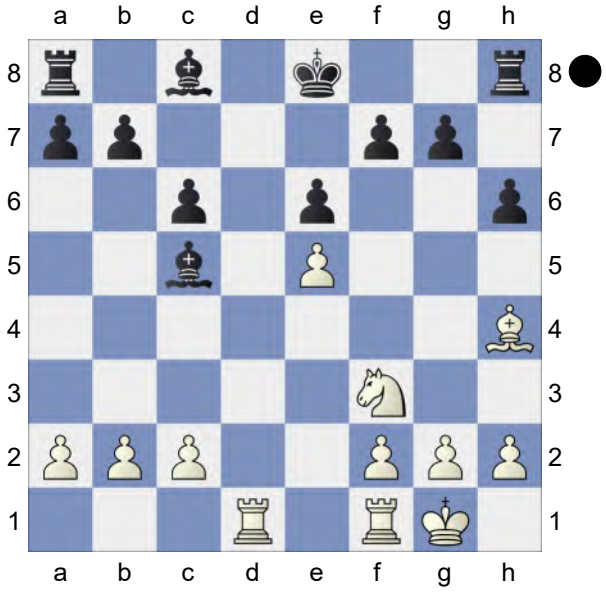
[11.Qe4± 0.45/22]

11...h6 12.Bh4N -0.10/20

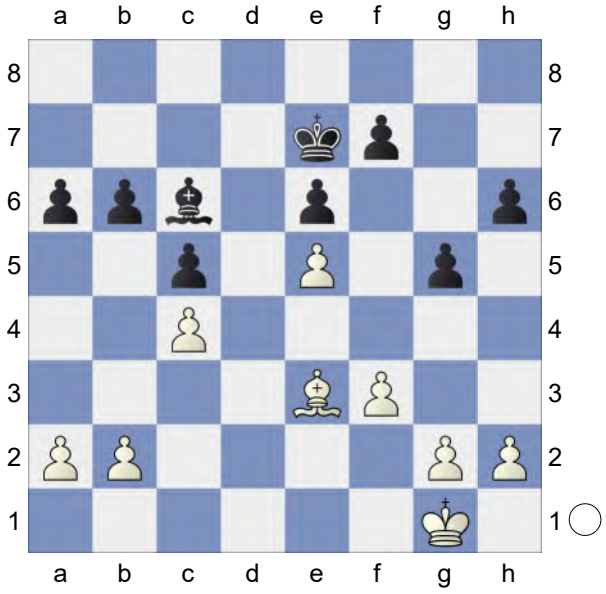
[12.Bf4 Bc5 13.Qd3 0-0 0.43/20 *(13...b6=* -0.04/20 is more appropriate.*)* 14.Bg3 -0.38/20 *(*White should try *14.Qd2±* 0.43/20 *)* 14...b5∓ 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Qxd7 -0.78/23 *(16.c3=* -0.22/21 *)* 16...Qxd7∓ 17.Rxd7 Bd5 18.Rc7 ½-½ Werner,E-Martin DDR corr 1987]

[12.Be3!± 0.37/22]

12...Bc5 13.Qe4 Qc6 14.Qxc6 dxc6 15.Rad1



g5 16.Bg3 Bd7 17.Nd2 Be7 18.c4 c5 19.Ne4 0-0-0 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.Rxd6 Bc6 22.Rfd1 Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8= Endgame KB-KB **25.f3 a6 26.Bf2 b6 27.Be3 Ke7**



28.b4! f6

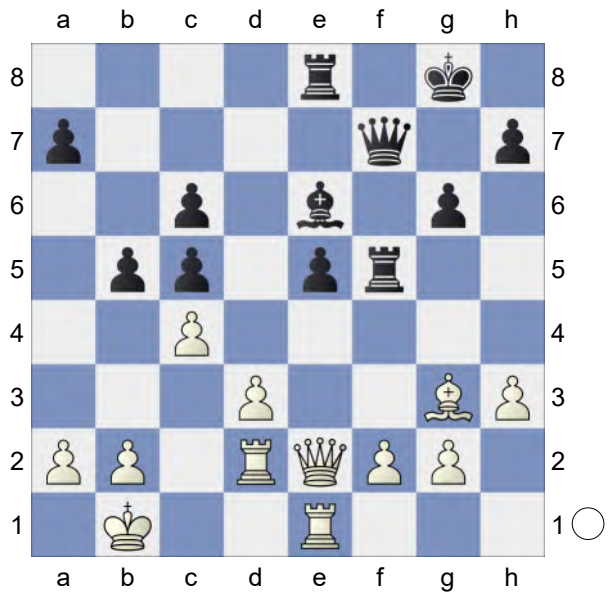
[28...f5 29.exf6+]

29.bxc5 b5 30.cxb5 axb5 31.Bd4 fxe5 32.Bxe5 b4 33.Bg3 Bd5 34.Be1 Bxa2 35.Bxb4 Kd7 36.g4 Bd5 37.Kf2 e5 38.Bc3 Ke6 39.h3 Bc6 40.Ke3 Bd5 41.Be1 Bc6 42.h4 Kd5 43.h5 Kxc5 44.Ba5 Kd6 45.Bb4+ Ke6 46.Bf8 Kf6 47.Bxh6 Ba4 48.Bf8 Bc6 49.Bd6 Bb7 50.Bc7 and Bd8+ should not be overlooked **50...e4 51.fxe4 Kg7 52.Be5+ Kh6 53.Bd6 Bc8 54.Kf3 Be6 55.e5 Bd5+ 56.Kg3 Be6 57.Kf3 Bd5+ 58.Ke3 Be6 59.Kf3 Bd5+ 60.Kg3 Be6 61.Bf8+ Kh7** The position is equal. **62.h6 Bd5 63.Kf2 Be6 64.Kf3 Bd5+ 65.Ke3 Be6 66.Kd4 Bxg4 67.Kd5 Bf3+ 68.Kd4 Bg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless) **69.Kd5**
½-½

289 **B31**
□ **Sammed Jaykumar,Shete** **2379**
■ **Jihan Tejas Shah** **2109**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (2.12) 03.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

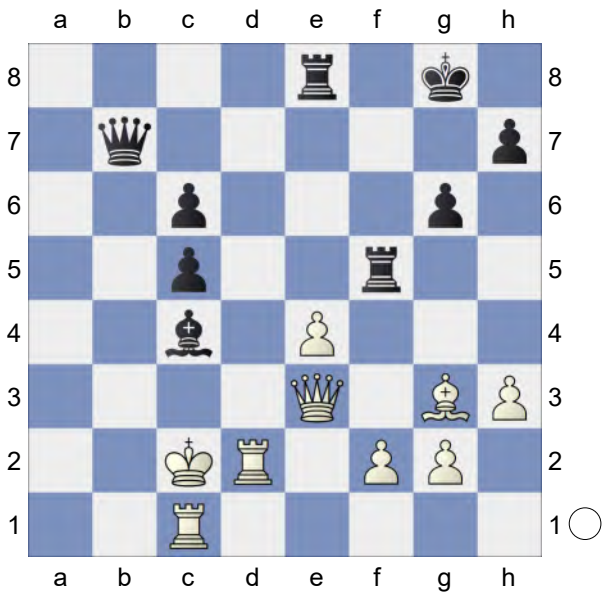
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6N
[4...bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5
A) 8.c4 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qh4 Ne6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Re1 Rb8 *(12...d6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rad1* Short and Sweet-Rossolimo Bxc6*)* 13.b3 a5 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Bc1 Bc8 17.Ba3 g5 18.Qg3 Nf4 19.Bd6 Qb7 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ned4 Nf4 1-0 8.0-0 ♘bc6 9.♗b5 a6_61385 (2441)-Cullip,S (2230) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (12);
B) 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 h6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nd3 12.Qe4 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 0-0 14.Rfd1 7. Rossolimo 3...g6 and 4...b-Rossolimo Qxd4]
5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be3 b6 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Bh2 e5 1.13/22 **11.Qd2** 0.13/24
[11.Nxe5 f5±]
[11.Bxe5± 1.13/22 f6 12.Bh2]
11...Qd6 12.Ne2 -0.47/19
[12.g4= 0.18/21 Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.0-0-0]
12...f5∓ 13.exf5 Rxf5 0.22/24
[⌓13...Bxf5 -0.22/23 14.Qe3 Rae8]
14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.Bxg3 Be6 16.c4 Inhibits Bd5. **16...b5 17.Qe2** White wants to play 0-0. **17...Rd8 18.0-0-0! Qf8 19.Rhe1 Re8 20.Nd2 Bh6 21.Kb1 Bxd2 22.Rxd2**
[22.Qxd2 bxc4 23.dxc4 *(23.Rxe5 cxd3 24.Re3 Qf7∓)* 23...Bxc4=]
22...Qf7

(Diagram)



23.b3
[23.Bxe5? Rxe5 24.Qxe5 Bd7-+ *(24...bxc4? 25.Re3+-; 24...bxc4? 25.Re3+-)*]
23...a5 24.Qe3 0.28/19
[24.Bxe5? Rxe5 25.Qxe5 Bd7-+]
[24.Rdd1± 1.00/20]
24...a4= 25.Rc1
[25.Bxe5? Rxe5 26.Qxe5 Bd7-+]
25...axb3 26.axb3
[26.Qxc5 e4 27.Qxc6 bxa2+ 28.Rxa2 Bd7-+ *(28...exd3 29.Ra7∓)*]
26...Qb7 27.Kc2 0.00/21
[27.Qxc5 bxc4 28.Qd6 Bd5∓ *(28...cxb3 29.Qxc6 Qxc6 30.Rxc6∓; 28...Qxb3+? 29.Rb2-+)*]
[27.f3± 0.74/19]
27...e4 1.08/19 **28.dxe4±** Black must now prevent f3. **28...bxc4 29.bxc4**
[29.exf5? Bxf5+ *(29...cxb3+? 30.Kb2+-)* 30.Kd1 Rxe3 31.fxe3 Qxb3+ *(31...cxb3 32.Rd8+ Kf7 33.Rb8-+)* 32.Ke2 c3-+]
29...Bxc4

(Diagram)



30.f3 0.01/21 Really sharp!
[30.Qc3!± 0.77/21 Bb5 *(30...Rxe4? 31.f3+-)* 31.Ra1 *(31.exf5 Ba4+ 32.Kd3 Qd7+)*]
30...Rd5= And now ...Bb3+! would win.
31.Kd1
[31.Qc3 Bb3+ 32.Qxb3 Qxb3+ 33.Kxb3 Rxd2∓]
[31.Bf4 is interesting. Qb4 32.Kd1 Bb5 33.Qc3]
31...Qb3+ 32.Qxb3 Bxb3+ 33.Ke1 Rxd2 34.Kxd2 Endgame. KRB-KRB
34...Ra8 35.Rxc5 Ra2+ 36.Ke3 Rxg2 37.Be5 Ba4 0.47/20
[37...Rc2= 0.02/21 might be stronger. 38.Rxc2 Bxc2]
38.Ra5± Bb5 39.Ra7 0.18/19
[39.h4± 0.55/20]
39...h5 1.61/20 This costs Black the game.
[39...g5!= 0.18/19 and Black has nothing to worry.]
40.h4+- Kf8 2.07/20
[40...c5± 1.60/18 41.Ra5 Be8 42.Rxc5 g5]
41.Bf6 Bc4 2.17/19
[41...c5± 1.53/19 was worth a try. 42.Be7+ Kg8]

42.Rc7 Be6 43.Rxc6 Kf7 44.Bg5 Ra2 45.Rc7+ Kf8 3.25/18
[⌓45...Kg8 2.01/17 46.Kf4 Rf2]
46.Kf4 Bf7 4.95/21
[46...Bh3 3.50/20 is a better defense. 47.Bh6+ Ke8]
47.Be7+ Kg7 48.Bc5 Ra8 6.15/21
[⌓48...Rg2 3.98/18 49.e5 Re2]
49.Bd4+ White is clearly winning.
49...Kg8 50.Kg5 Re8 51.Bf6 Ra8 52.Kh6 Re8 53.e5 Re6 54.Kg5 Kf8 55.Kh6 Kg8 56.f4 Re8 57.Be7 Ra8 58.Bb4 e6! would kill now. **58...Rb8 59.Bc5** 9.31/21
[⌓59.e6 23.56/22 Bxe6 60.Rg7+ Kh8 61.Bc3 *(61.Rxg6 Rxb4 62.Rxe6 Kg8±)* 61...Rc8 62.Be5 *(62.Rxg6+ Rxc3 63.Rxe6 Kg8±)* 62...Rc5 63.Rxg6+ Discovered Attack (Check) Rxe5 64.fxe5]
59...Re8 60.Bd6 Re6 61.Be7 Be8 62.Kg5 Bf7 63.Rc8+ Kh7 64.Bd6 Kg7 65.Bf8+ Kh7 66.Rc7 Kg8 67.Be7 Be8 68.Bf6 Bf7 69.Kh6 Re8 70.Rc1 Ra8 71.Rg1 Kf8 72.Rxg6 Bxg6 73.Kxg6 KR-KB **73...Ra4 74.f5**
[74.Kxh5 Rxf4 75.Kg6 Rf2=]
74...Rf4 75.Bg5
[Not 75.Kxh5 Rxf5+ 76.Kg6 Rf1=]
75...Re4 76.e6
[76.Kxh5 Rxe5 77.Kg6 Kg8=]
76...Re5 77.e7+ Ke8 78.f6! White wants to mate with f7+.
[Weaker is 78.Kxh5 Rxf5 79.Kg6 Re5=]
78...Re6 79.Kg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.38
[And not 79.Kxh5 Kf7=]
1-0

290 **B31**
□ **Vaz,Ethan** **2412**
■ **Abhay,Bandewar** **2070**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (1.10) 02.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6N
[4...bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5
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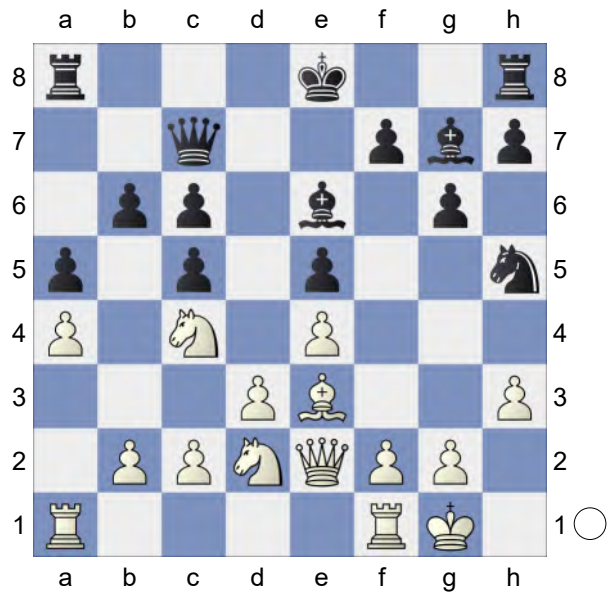
B) 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 h6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nd3 12.Qe4 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 0-0 14.Rfd1 7. Rossolimo 3...g6 and 4...b-Rossolimo Qxd4]
5.d3 Bg7 6.a4 a5 7.Nbd2 Qc7 8.Qe2 White is slightly better. **8...e5 9.Nc4 Bg4 10.Be3 b6 11.h3** White is more active. **11...Be6 12.Nfd2** 0.09/18
[12.h4± 0.59/21]
12...Nf6!= 13.0-0 Nh5

(Diagram)



14.b4! b5! 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Nxa5 Nf4 17.Qf3 cxb4 18.Nab3 0-0 19.Nc5 Ra3 0.21/21

[19...Rfc8 -0.27/20 deserves consideration.]

20.Rab1 Qc6 21.Rxb4 Rc3! 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.Qd1 Black should prevent Nb1.

[23.Rfb1 Rxc2 24.Qd1 *(24.Rxb5? Rxd2 25.Rb6 Qc2∓)* 24...Rd8±]

23...Rxc2 24.Qb1

[Wrong is 24.Rxb5? Rxd2 25.Qb1 Rc2-+]

[24.Nc4!? Rc3 25.Qd2±]

24...Rd8 25.Rxb5

[Much less strong is 25.Nc4 Rc3 26.Rxb5 Rcxd3 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.Rxe5 Qc7 29.Rxe6 fxe6±]

25...Rxd3 26.Nf3 Ne1 is the strong threat. **26...Rdc3** 0.85/17

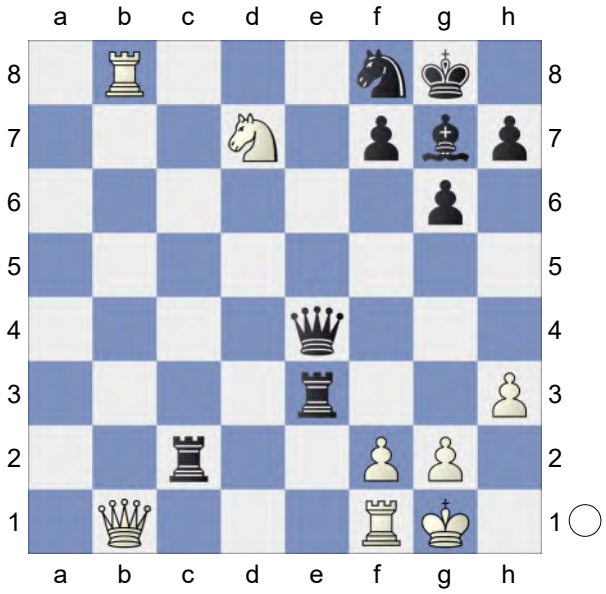
[26...Rcc3= 0.30/19 keeps the balance.]

27.Nxe5 0.14/18

[White should try 27.Rb8+± 0.85/17 Nf8 28.Qb4]

27...Qxe4 28.Rb8+ Nf8 29.Nd7 Rxe3?? 4.87/28

[29...Qe7= 0.01/22 and Black stays safe. 30.Nxf8 Bxf8]



30.Rxf8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.35

1-0

291 **B31**

□ **Madhvendra,Pratap Sharma** **2281**

■ **Jai,Sankar Subramanian** **2113**

Chennai op 15th (7) 06.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6**

[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.0-0N

[4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5

A) 8.c4 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qh4 Ne6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Re1 Rb8

(12...d6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rad1 Short and Sweet-Rossolimo Bxc6*)* 13.b3 a5 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Bc1 Bc8 17.Ba3 g5 18.Qg3 Nf4 19.Bd6 Qb7 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ned4 Nf4 1-0 8.0-0 ♘bc6 9.♗b5 a6_61385 (2441)-Cullip,S (2230) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (12);

B) 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 h6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nd3 12.Qe4 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 0-0 14.Rfd1 7. Rossolimo 3...g6 and 4...b-Rossolimo Qxd4]

4...Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.c3 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.h3 9.Be3 is a critical line. 9. Le3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **9...Qb6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Nbd2 Bf5** The position is equal. **12.Nb3**

[12.g4!? Nxd2 13.Nxd2= *(13.gxf5 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 cxd4-+)*]

12...c4 13.Nbd2

[13.g4!?]

13...f6N 0.16/21

[13...Rad8 14.g4 Be6 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 Bd5 17.Qc2 f6 18.exf6 exf6 19.Nxe4 f5 0-1 Becker,W (2305)-Apel, S (2310) BL2-Nord 9899 1998 (5.3)]

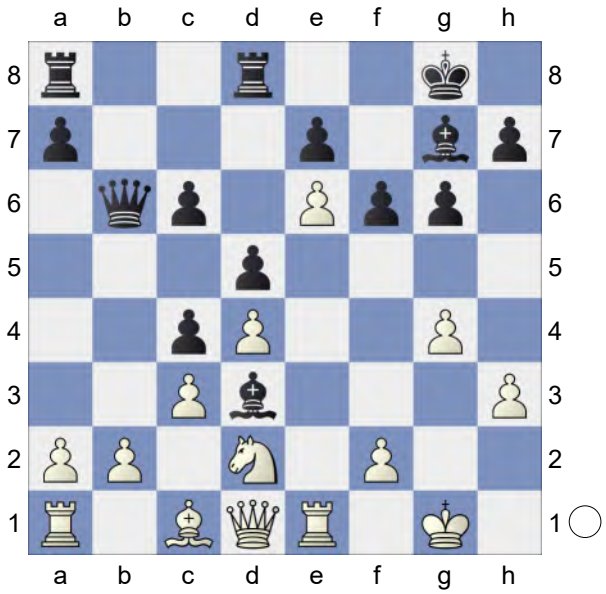
[13...c5∓ -0.32/18]

14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Nd2 Bf5 16.e6 Rfd8 0.54/20

[16...c5= 0.10/20]

17.g4!± Bd3

(Diagram)



18.Nb3! Deflection **18...cxb3 19.Qxd3 a5 20.axb3 Qxb3 21.Re2** 0.29/21

[White should play 21.h4± 0.70/21]

21...Qb5= 22.Qc2

[22.Qxb5 simplifies cxb5 23.h4 a4 24.h5]

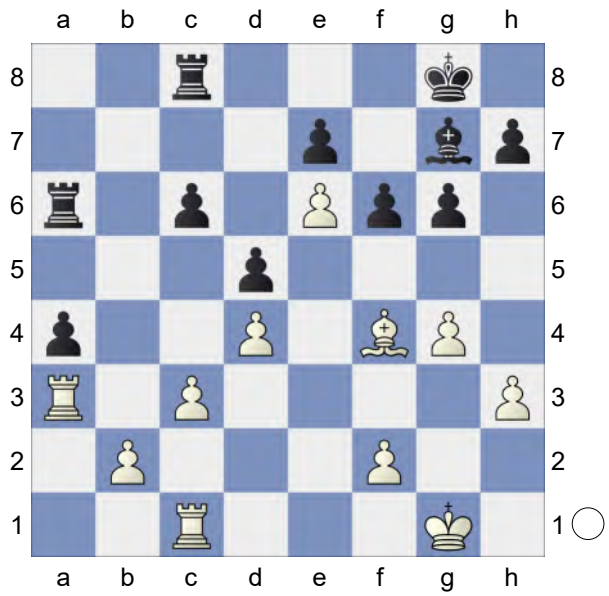
22...a4 0.60/22

[22...c5= 0.24/19]

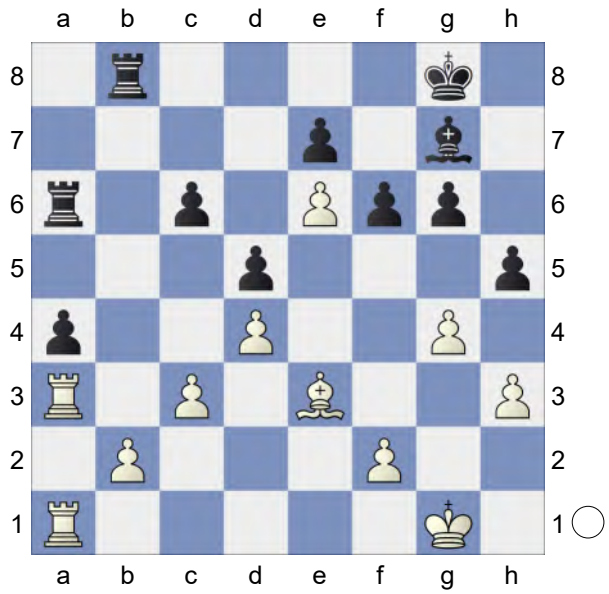
23.Bf4 Qb3 24.Ra3 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 Black is on the road to losing. **25...Ra6 26.Rc1** White is more active. **26...Rc8** 1.62/22

[26...g5± 0.78/22 27.Bh2 Rda8]

(Diagram)



27.Be3!+- Rb8 28.Rca1 h5 2.16/24
[⌓28...Rxb2 1.75/24 29.Rxa4 Rxa4 30.Rxa4 Rb8]

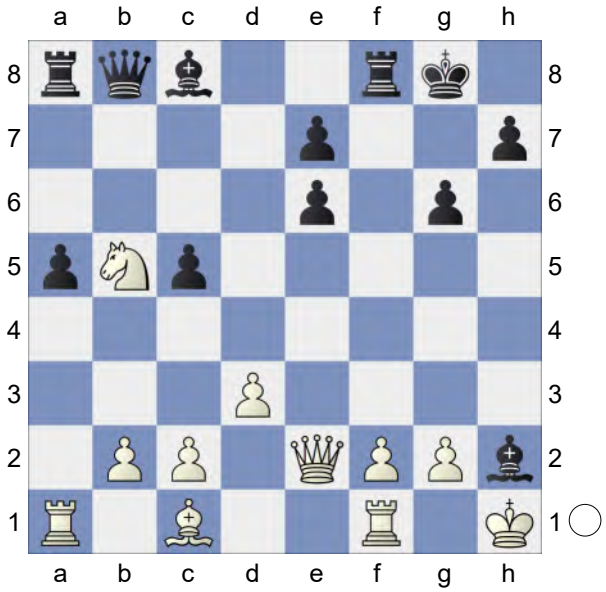


29.b3! hxg4
[29...c5 30.Rxa4]
30.hxg4
[30.bxa4 gxh3 31.Kh2 Kh7 32.Kxh3 g5∓]
30...f5 2.96/22
[30...g5 1.79/23 might work better. 31.Rxa4 Rxa4 32.bxa4 Ra8]
31.Rxa4
[Weaker is 31.bxa4 fxg4 32.Kg2 Ra5±]
31...Rab6 32.b4 fxg4 33.Bf4 Rf8 34.Ra8 Rxf8+ would now be deadly. **34...Bf6 35.Rxf8+ Kxf8** Endgame. KRB-KRB **36.Ra7 Kg7 37.Bc7 Rb5 38.Kg2 Bg5 39.Be5+ Kh6 40.Kg3** 2.75/23 Prevents Bh4+.
[⌓40.f4 4.90/29 gxf3+ 41.Kxf3]
40...Kh5 41.Bf4 Threatens to win with Bxg5. **41...Bh4+ 42.Kg2 Bf6 43.Ra6 g5?** 4.46/27
[43...Bg5 2.72/24 44.Be5 Bd2 45.Rxc6 Rb7]
44.Bg3 Kg6 45.Rxc6 Kf5 46.Rc5 Rb6 47.Rxd5+ Kxe6 48.Rc5 Ra6 49.Ra5 Rb6 50.Bc7 Rb7 51.Be5 Rd7 52.Kg3 Rd8 53.Kxg4 Rc8 54.Bxf6 exf6 KR-KR **55.Rc5 Rh8 56.Rc6+ Ke7 57.b5 Rh4+ 58.Kg3 Rh1 59.c4 f5 60.b6 Rb1 61.c5 Rb3+ 62.Kg2 g4 63.Rc7+ Ke6 64.b7 f4 65.Rc6+ Kd7 66.Rb6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

292 **B31**
□ **Buchenau,Frank** **2222**
■ **Bazeev,German** **2369**
Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

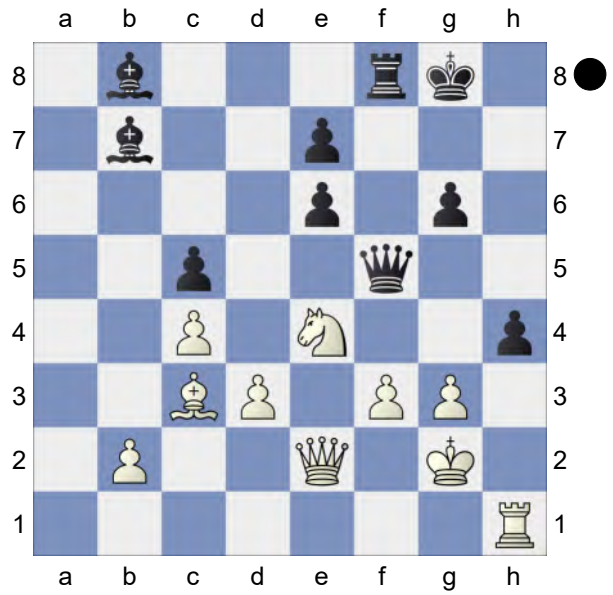
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]

3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6! is more profitable than 6...e6 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 6...e6.
7.a4 a5
[7...Nd7 8.a5 e5 9.Be3 Qe7 10.Qc1 0.36/20 *(10.Nc3± 0.75/20)* 10...h6 0.94/21 *(10...Nf8± 0.36/20)* 11.Nbd2 Nf8 12.Nc4 f5 2.21/22 *(12...g5± 0.93/19* keeps fighting.*)* 13.exf5+- gxf5? 4.40/21 *(13...Bxf5 2.22/20 14.Re1 g5)* 14.Re1+- Ng6 15.Nfxe5 Nxe5? 6.11/24 *(15...Bxe5 3.64/24 16.Nxe5 Nxe5)* 16.Nxe5+- Bxe5]
8.Na3 Nd7 9.Nc4 0.09/22
[9.Re1± 0.48/18]
9...0-0 10.e5 -0.53/20
[10.Bf4 -0.01/21 10.Bd2 0.35 Re8 0.46/19 *(10...b5=* -0.01/21 *11.Nce5 b4)* 11.Qd2± e5 12.Bh6 Qc7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.b3 Nf8 15.h3 f6 16.Nh2 -0.10/20 *(16.Kh1± 0.32/21)*]
[White should play 10.Bd2± 0.34/22]
10...b5∓ 11.e6N -0.92/23
[11.Na3∓ -0.49/22]
11...fxe6 0.02/23
[Black should play 11...bxc4∓ -0.92/23 12.exd7 Qxd7 13.dxc4 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bf5]
12.Na3 Ne5 13.Nxe5
[13.axb5? Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 cxb5 15.Nxb5 Bb7-+]
13...Bxe5 14.Qe2 Qd6 15.axb5 -0.64/25
[15.h3= 0.00/20]
15...cxb5∓ 16.Nxb5 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Qb8



18.Nc3 Bd6 19.Ne4 Qb4 0.01/22
[19...Bd7∓ -0.39/21]
20.Bd2 Qd4 0.14/25
[20...Qxb2 -0.28/24 deserves consideration. 21.Nxd6 exd6 22.Rxa5 Rxa5 23.Bxa5 e5]
21.Bc3= Qd5 22.Rxa5 Rxa5 23.Bxa5 Bb8 24.c4 Qe5 25.g3↑ White has some pressure. **25...Bb7 26.Bc3 Qf5**
Vorgänger: **27.Kg2 h5 28.f3** -0.64/25

[28.Ra1= 0.03/24]
28...h4!∓ ...Bxg3 would now be deadly. Really sharp! **29.Rh1?** -3.34/25
[29.Qe3∓ -0.56/24 Bxg3 30.Qh6]

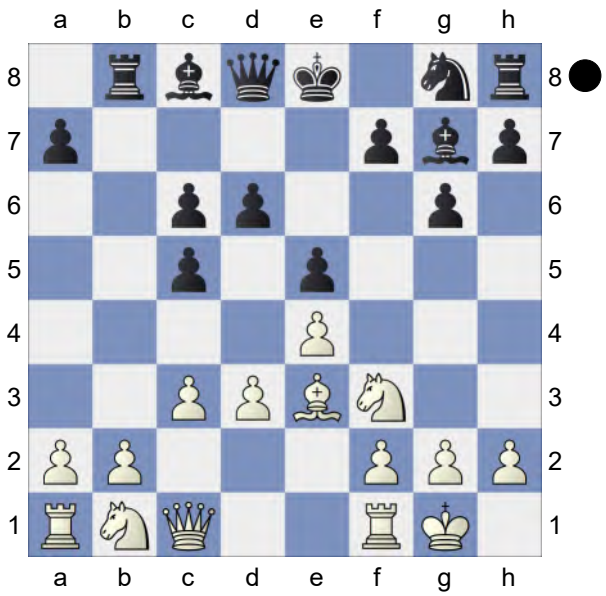


29...h3+?? 6.15/27 **30.Rxh3+-** **Kf7** **31.g4 Qf4 32.Bd2**
[32.Nxc5? Qxg4+ 33.Kf2 Qxh3-+]
32...Qe5 33.Bc3? -0.01/23
[33.Ng5++- 7.70/23 Ke8 34.Qxe5 Remove Defender Bxe5 35.Nxe6]
33...Qf4= Weighted Error Value: White = 0.48 / Black = 0.51 **34.Qd2** ½-½ (71) Fiedorek,M (2321)-Janik,I (2519) Bydgoszcz 2022. Loss on time!?
[34.Nxc5? perishes. Qxg4+ 35.Kf2 Qxh3-+]
0-1

293 **B31**
□ **Abhishek,TM.** **2050**
■ **Sammed Jaykumar,Shete** **2379**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (1.15) 02.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

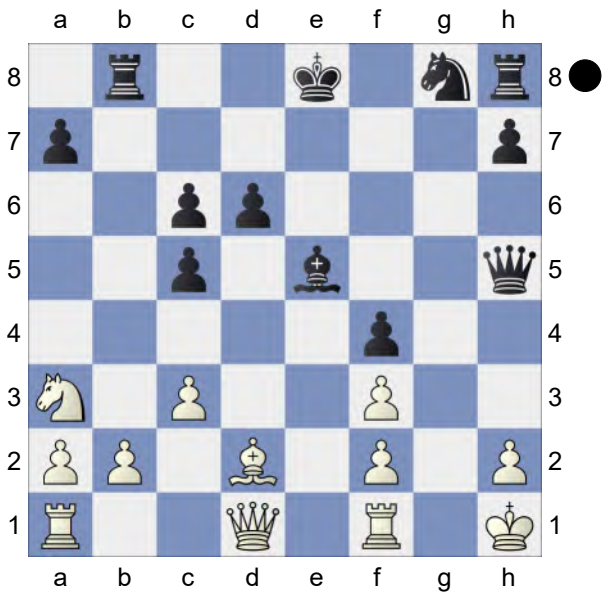
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.0-0N
[5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5
A) 8.c4 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qh4 Ne6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Re1 Rb8 *(12...d6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rad1* Short and Sweet-Rossolimo Bxc6*)* 13.b3 a5 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Bc1 Bc8 17.Ba3 g5 18.Qg3 Nf4 19.Bd6 Qb7 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ned4 Nf4 1-0 8.0-0 ♘bc6 9.♗b5 a6_61385 (2441)-Cullip,S (2230) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (12);
B) 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 h6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nd3 12.Qe4 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 0-0 14.Rfd1 7. Rossolimo 3...g6 and 4...b-Rossolimo Qxd4]
5...Bg7 6.d3 e5 7.Be3 -0.21/19
[7.c3± 0.46/21]
7...d6= 8.c3 Rb8 0.38/18
[Black should try 8...f5∓ -0.40/21]
9.Qc1 -0.94/18
[9.d4± 0.38/18 stays ahead.]

(Diagram)

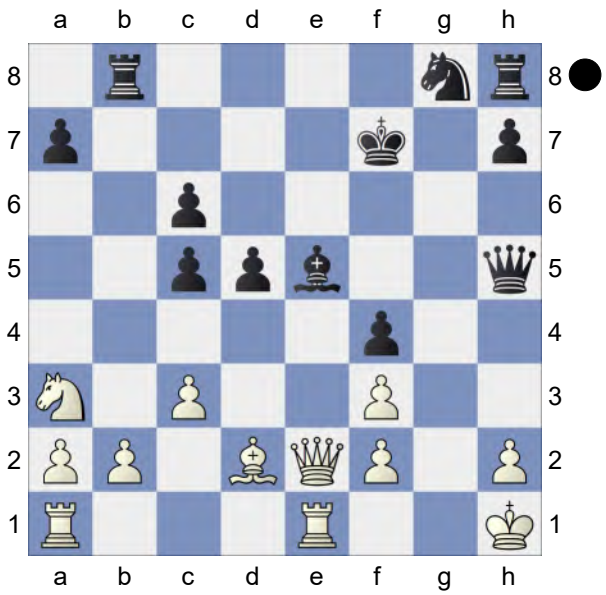


9...f5!∓ White is now going downhill.
10.exf5 gxf5
[10...Bxf5 11.d4 e4 12.Ne1∓]
11.d4 f4 12.Bd2 Hoping for dxe5.
12...Bg4
[12...exd4 13.Bxf4 Ne7 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6=]
[12...cxd4 13.cxd4 Bg4 14.dxe5± *(14.Qxc6+ Qd7±)*]
13.dxe5 Bxf3
[13...dxe5? 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Re1+-]
14.gxf3 -2.26/19
[14.Bxf4 -1.84/18 keeps fighting. dxe5 15.Bg5]
14...Qg5+-+
[14...dxe5 15.c4=]
[14...Bxe5 15.Bxf4 Bxf4 16.Qxf4=]
15.Kh1 Bxe5 And now ...Nf6 would win.
16.Na3 Qh5 17.Qd1

(Diagram)



d5 Against Nc4
[17...Rxb2 18.Nc4 Rb7 19.Re1+-]
18.Re1 -3.33/20
[18.b3 -2.15/18 was necessary.]
18...Kf7
[18...Rxb2? 19.Bxf4 Ne7 20.Rxe5+-]
19.Qe2



Nf6! 20.Bxf4
[20.Rg1 Rxb2]

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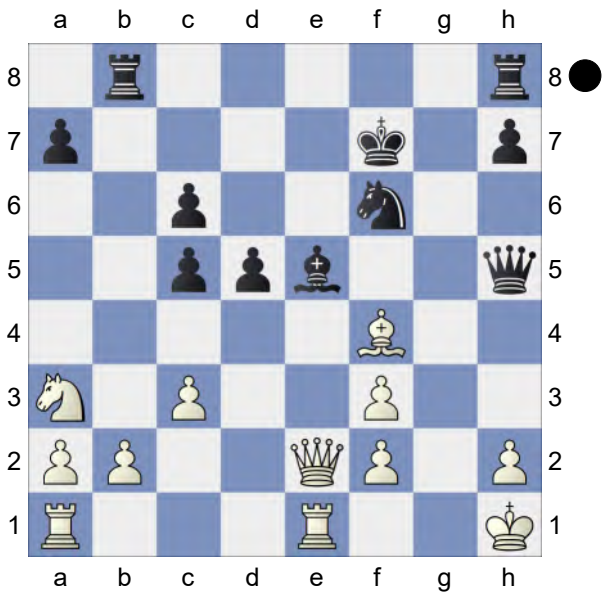
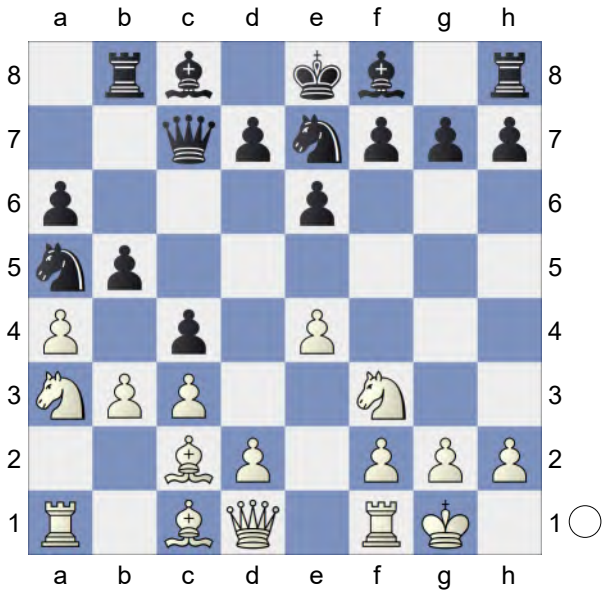


20...Rxb2!! Deflection. Active counter play! Black is clearly winning. **21.Qxb2**
[21.Qxe5? leads to mate. Qxf3+ 22.Kg1 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qg2#]
[21.Nc2 Rxc2]
21...Qxf3+ 22.Kg1 Bxf4 23.Qb7+ Kg6 24.Qxc6 Rg8 (→ ...Kh5+) **25.Qe6 Kh5+ 26.Kf1 Qg2+**
[26...Qxc3 27.Nb5 Qc4+ 28.Qe2+ Qxe2+ 29.Kxe2∓]
27.Ke2 Threatens to win with Rg1.
27...Re8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.23 (precise)
0-1

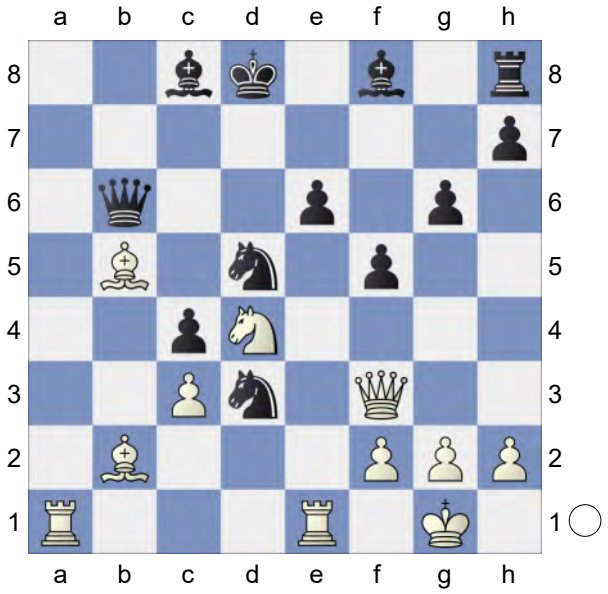
294 **B30**
□ **Grandelius,Nils** **2655**
■ **Amdouni,Zoubaier** **2218**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (2.1) 25.09.18
[TA]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 c4 7.Bc2 LiveBook: 29 Games. B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **7...Qc7**
[7...Ng6 8.b3 b5 9.a4 Bb7 10.Na3 d5 11.exd5 Qxd5 12.Re1 Na5 13.axb5 1/2-1/2 (13) Popovic,D (2523)-Grigoryan,K (2604) Montcada 2016]
8.b3 b5 9.a4N White is slightly better.
[Predecessor: 9.Qe2 Na5 10.Ba3 Ng6 11.Bxf8 Kxf8 12.b4 Nc6 13.a4 Rb8 14.axb5 axb5 1/2-1/2 (25) Waricki,I-Moroz,A (2450) Plock 1994]
9...Rb8 10.Na3
[10.axb5± axb5 11.d4 cxd3 12.Bxd3 *(12.Qxd3 b4±)*]
10...Na5
[Black should try 10...cxb3!± 11.Bxb3 Ng6]

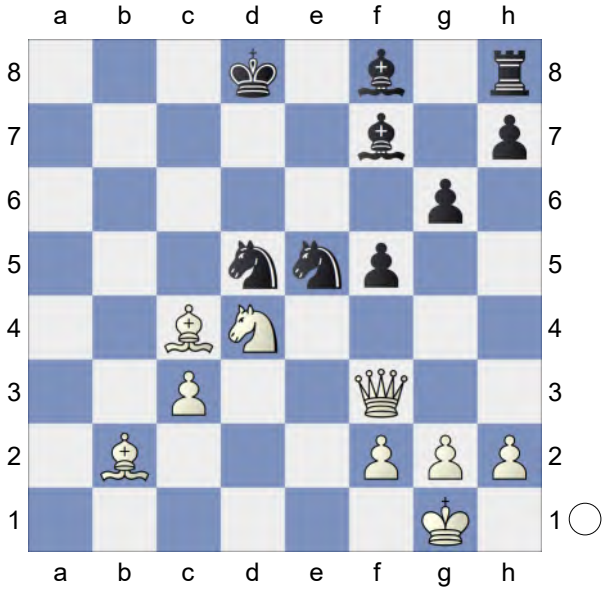


11.b4!+- Nac6 12.axb5 axb5 13.d3 d5 14.Re1 g6 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bb2 Ncxb4
[⌓16...Bxb4 17.cxb4 *(17.dxc4 Nxc3 18.Qd3 0-0±)* 17...c3]
17.Nxb5 Rxb5 18.Ba4
[Inferior is 18.cxb4 c3=]
18...Nxd3 Threatens to win with ...Qb7.
19.Bxb5+ Kd8 Black wants to play ...Qb6. **20.Nd4** Strongly threatening Nc6+.
20...Qb6
[Worse is 20...Nxb2 21.Qf3+- *(21.Nxe6+ fxe6 22.Qxd5+ Qd6+-)*]
21.Qf3 f5?

[21...Bc5]



22.Rxe6!! White is clearly winning.
22...Bxe6 23.Ra6 Qxa6 24.Bxa6 Bf7 25.Bxc4 Ne5

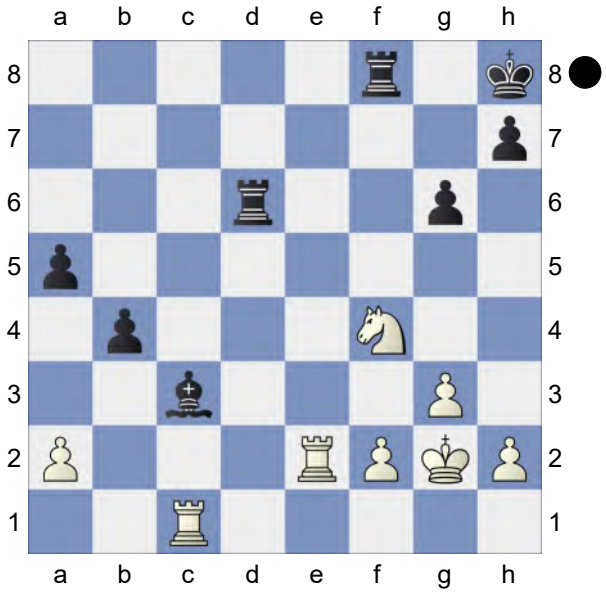


26.Nc6+! Nxc6 27.Bxd5 Ne5 28.Qd1 Bg7 Precision: White = 90%, Black = 31%.
1-0

295 **B31**
□ **Mayukh Majumder** **2013**
■ **Mohamed,Anees M** **2334**
15th Chennai Open 2025 (5.15) 05.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

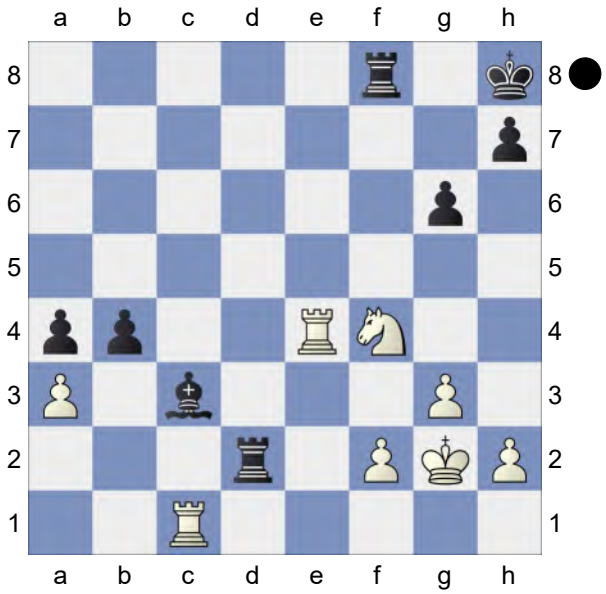
B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6**
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0N
[4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5
A) 8.c4 Nc7 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Qh4 Ne6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Re1 Rb8 *(12...d6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 0-0 15.Rad1* Short and Sweet-Rossolimo Bxc6*)* 13.b3 a5 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Rad1 Qc7 16.Bc1 Bc8 17.Ba3 g5 18.Qg3 Nf4 19.Bd6 Qb7 20.Bxb8 Qxb8 21.Ne2 Ne6 22.Ned4 Nf4 1-0 8.0-0 ♘bc6 9.♗b5 a6_61385 (2441)-Cullip,S (2230) EU-chT (Men) 15th 2005 (12);
B) 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 h6 10.c4 Nb4 11.Nc3 Nd3 12.Qe4 Nxc1 13.Raxc1 0-0 14.Rfd1 7. Rossolimo 3...g6 and 4...b-Rossolimo Qxd4]
4...Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.Na3 Nge7 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 exd4 9.Bf4 a6 10.Bc4 -0.60/20
[10.Bd6= -0.01/18]
10...d6 11.Nc2 0-0 Black has an edge.
12.Ncxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Be3 Kh8 0.01/19
[Better is 15...Nxe3∓ -0.65/19 16.fxe3

Qe7]
16.Nc2 -0.47/23
[16.Qb3!= 0.01/19 Nxe3 17.fxe3]
16...Nxe3∓ Discovered Attack **17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.Nxe3 b5**
[18...Bxb2 19.Rab1 Ba3 20.Bxf7∓]
19.Bxf7 Bxb2 A strong pair of Bishops. **20.Rad1 Bb7 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Rac8** Dodges Nc7 **23.g3! a5 24.Kg2 b4 25.Rfe1 Rd6 26.Re2 Bg7 27.Rde1** -1.16/21 **Rf8** -0.11/24
[27...Rxd5∓ -1.16/21 28.Re8+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Bf8 30.Rxf8+ Kg7]
28.Nf4 Bc3 29.Rc1 -1.20/21
[29.Re6= -0.25/24 remains equal.]



29...a4!∓ 30.a3 Rd2 ...Rxe2 would now be deadly. **31.Re4** -2.45/24
[31.axb4∓ -1.14/20 keeps fighting. Rxe2 *(31...Bxb4 32.Re4=)* 32.Nxe2 Bxb4 33.Rc4]

(Diagram)



31...Bb2? -0.54/24
[31...g5!-+ -2.45/24 32.Nh3 *(32.axb4? loses. Bb2-+)* 32...Bd4 *(32...Bb2 33.Rc7∓)*]
32.Rc7∓ bxa3 -0.12/22
[32...b3∓ -0.59/22 33.Rxa4 Be5]
33.Rxa4= Be5 34.Rca7 -0.58/22
[34.Re7= -0.13/24 was preferrable. Bd4 35.Rxd4 *(35.Rxa3? perishes. Rxf2+ 36.Kh3 Bc5-+)* 35...Rxd4 36.Ra7]
34...Bd4 0.61/25
[34...g5!∓ -0.58/22 35.R7a5 Bc7 *(35...Bxf4 36.gxf4 gxf4 37.Rxa3=)* 36.Rxg5 a2]

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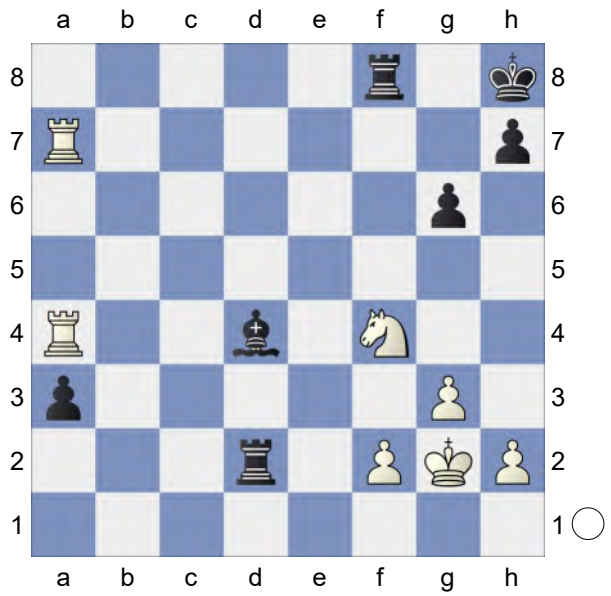

35.Rxd4!± Decoy **35...Rxd4** Endgame. KRR-KRN **36.Ne6! Rdd8 37.Nxf8 Rxf8 38.Rxa3** KR-KR. White is more active. **38...Rf7 39.f4 Kg7** White is slightly better. **40.Ra5 h5 41.Kh3 Rb7 42.f5 gxf5 43.Rxf5 Kg6 44.Rf2 Kg5 45.Rc2 Rb5 46.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
½-½

296 **B30**
□ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2676**
■ **Tersinsev,Andrey** **2194**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.8) 24.09.18
[TA]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 a6
B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6
[6...Qb6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Ng6 9.c4 Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Na4 Qc7 12.c5 d5 13.cxd6 Bxd6 14.g3 c5 1-0 (27) Caruana,F (2811)-Lenic, L (2662) chess.com INT 2018]
7.Be2 Nxd4
[After 7...Ng6 the game can continue with 8.c4 Qc7 9.Nc3 d6 10.Be3
A) 10...Nxd4? 11.Qxd4 is already extremely uncomfortable for Black since he cannot develop his kingside without a serious concession. f6 12.a4!? I like this best - Black cannot prevent a4-a5. *(12.Na4!?±; 12.Rac1 Be7 13.b4±)* 12...Be7 13.a5±;
B) 10...Be7 Now 11.Nb3 is interesting, avoiding the exchange of pieces - White has more space. 0-0 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Nd5 exd5 14.cxd5 Rfe8 *(14...Rac8 15.dxc6 Bxc6)* 15.dxc6 bxc6]
8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Qc3 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '!' GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Now Black cannot develop his bishop.' **9...b5** LiveBook: 8 Games **10.a4**
[10.Bf4!?]
10...b4 11.Qg3 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: ' ±' GM Ioannis Papaioannou: 'Again, Black cannot play ...Be7.' **11...Qf6N**
[Predecessor: 11...Bb7 12.Bg5 GM Ioannis Papaioannou: ' ±' *(12.Nd2; 12.Bf4; 12.Be3)* 12...Be7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Qxg7 1-0 (44) Areshchenko,A (2664) -Krasenkow,M (2636) Baku 2014]
12.Nd2 Bc5

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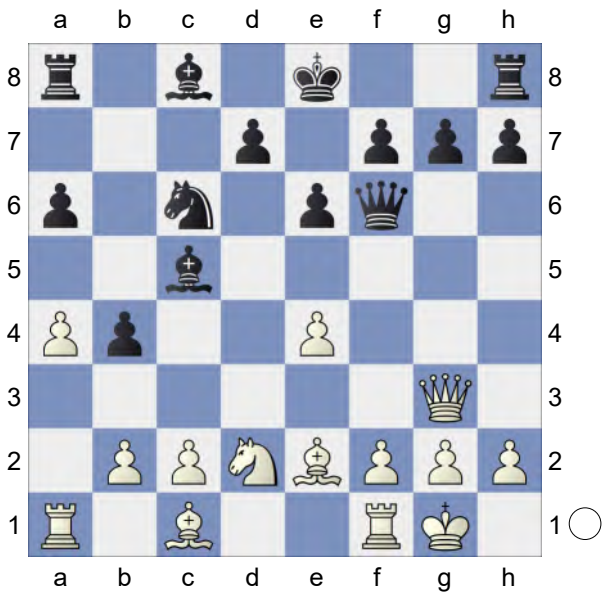
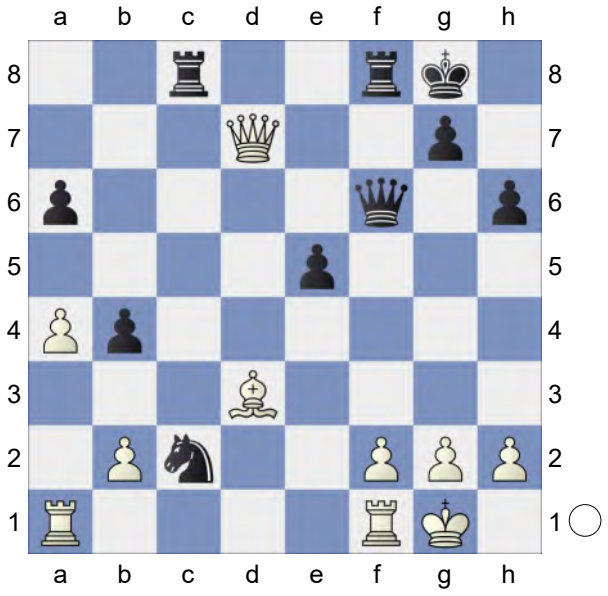
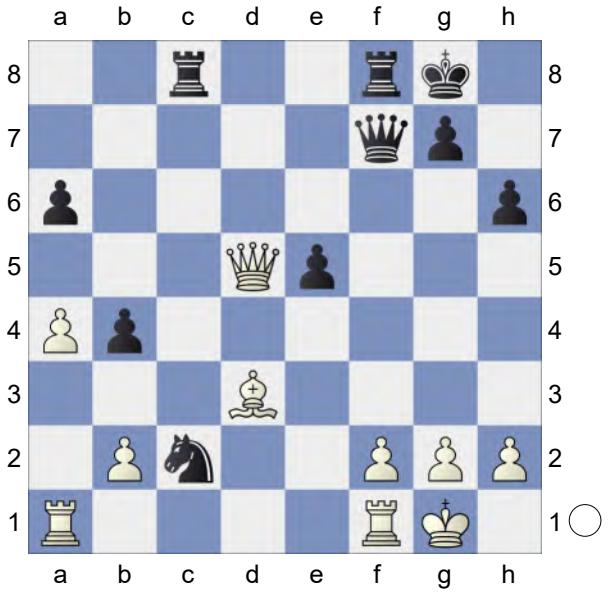


13.Nc4! 0-0 14.e5 Qg6 15.Qh3 Hoping for Bd3. GM Ioannis Papaioannou: '±!' **15...f6**
[15...Qxc2?? 16.Bd3+-]
16.exf6 Qxf6 17.Be3 Bd4 18.Bd3 h6 19.Bxd4
[19.a5 feels hotter. d5 20.Nb6 e5 21.Qh5 Bxb6 22.axb6 Ne7 23.Bc5]
19...Nxd4 20.Nd6 e5
[20...a5= keeps the balance.]
21.Nxc8± Raxc8 22.Qxd7 Nxc2?
[22...Qc6± 23.Qxc6 Rxc6]



23.Qd5+!+- Qf7
[⌓23...Rf7]

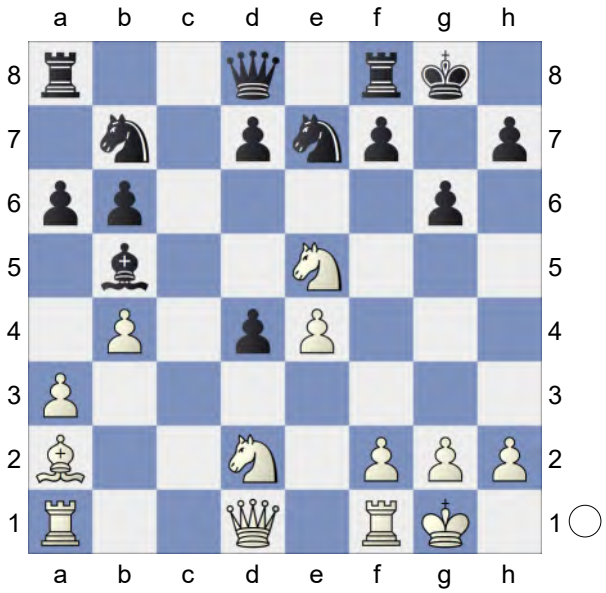


24.Qe4! White is clearly winning.
24...Qb3 25.Rac1 Nd4 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.f4 Precision: White = 92%, Black = 42%.
1-0

297 **B31**
□ **Papaioannou,Ioannis** **2634**
■ **Piyumantha,M Sasith Nipun** **2139**
43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.40) 24.9.18
[TA]

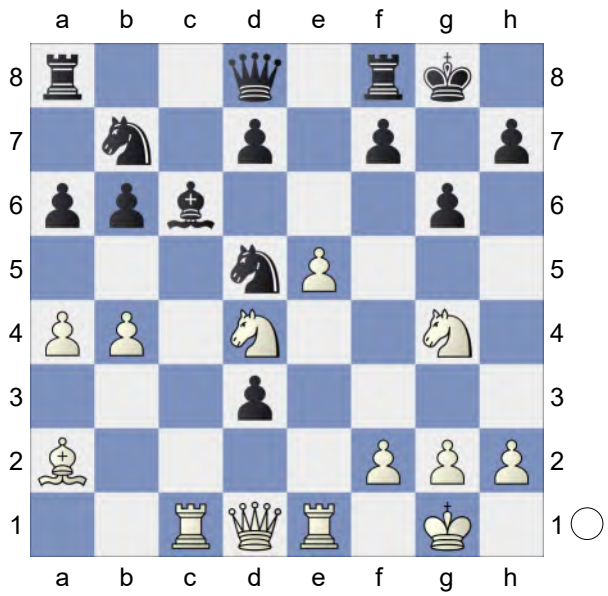
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.d4 cxd4 7.cxd4 exd4 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.Bd6 0-0 10.Nbd2 a6 11.Bd3 B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6
11...b6 LiveBook: 7 Games **12.a3N** White has strong compensation.
[Predecessor: 12.Qb3 Bb7 13.a4 Na5 14.Qa3 Re8 15.b4 Rc8 16.Rac1 Rc3 17.Rxc3 dxc3 18.bxa5 cxd2 19.axb6 1-0 (35) Petrov,M (2482)-Eminov,O (2326) Canakkale 2015]

12...Bb7 13.Bc4 White is better.
13...Na5 14.Ba2! Bc6 15.b4 Nb7 16.Be5 Bxe5
[⌓16...d5]
17.Nxe5± Bb5
[17...Qc7±]



18.Re1!+- Qc7
[18...d5 is a better defense. 19.exd5 Nd6]
19.Ndf3 Qd6
[19...d5 might work better. 20.Qxd4 *(20.exd5 Nd6+-)* 20...h5 21.Bxd5 Nxd5]
20.Ng4 d3 21.e5 Qc7 22.Rc1 Qd8 23.a4 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nd5?
[24...Kh8 25.Qxd3 Bxa4]

(Diagram)



25.Bxd5 Precision: White = 97%, Black = 42%.
1-0

298 **B30**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2717**
■ **Pappelis,D.** **2114**
European Rapid 2017 (2.10) 16.12.2017
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...Nf6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5*

Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)*
11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]

4.d3 Qa5+ 5.Nc3 Nd4 6.Bc4 b5! 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.cxb3 The position is equal. **8...d6 9.0-0 e6 10.Re1 Be7 11.d4 b4 12.e5** -0.71/23

[12.Na4= -0.18/22]

12...bxc3∓ 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.bxc3 cxd4 -0.39/20

[Much worse is 14...Qxc3 15.Be3=]

[Better is 14...0-0∓ -0.75/23]

15.b4 -0.75/21

[15.Nxd4∓ -0.39/20 Bb7 *(15...Qxc3 16.Nb5±)* 16.Bd2]

15...Qh5 16.Nxd4 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Bd7 Against Nb5 **18.Be3 Ke7 19.c4 Rhc8 20.Rac1 e5?** 1.53/22

[20...a6= -0.20/20]

21.Nb3 0.14/20

[21.Nb5± 1.53/22]

21...Be6 0.88/23

[21...a6= 0.14/20 keeps the balance.]

22.Na5± White is more active. A mistake that costs the game. **22...e4** 2.13/22

[22...a6± 0.81/21]

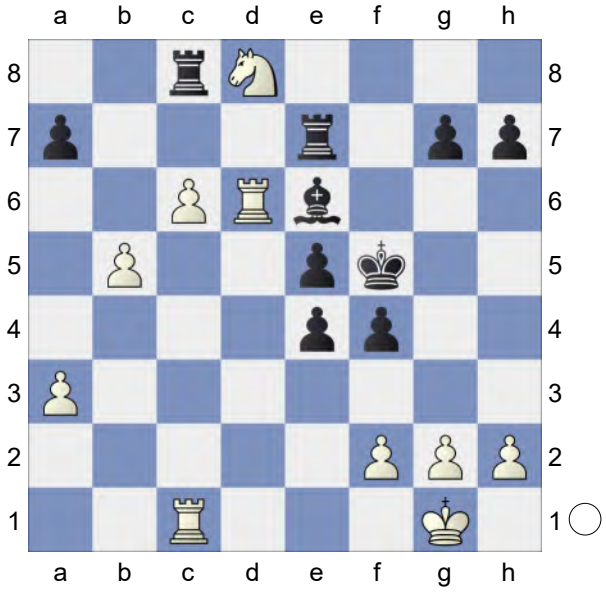
23.Bf4+- Be5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.a3 f5 3.46/21

[⌓25...Rab8 2.29/20 26.c5 Rc7]

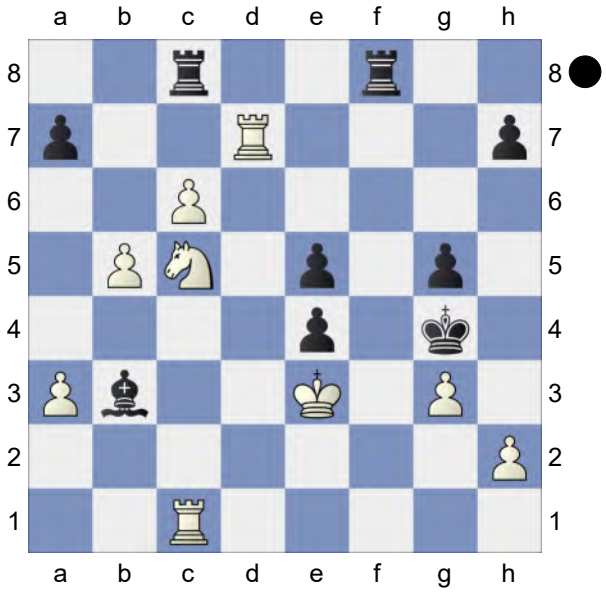
26.c5 Rab8 27.Rd6 aiming for Nc6+. **27...Kf6?** 6.43/21

[27...Rb6 2.68/24]

28.Nc6 White is clearly winning. **28...Rb7 29.Nd8 Re7 30.c6 f4 31.b5 Kf5**



32.g4+! fxg3 33.fxg3 Bb3 34.Kf2 Re8 35.Nb7 Kg4 36.Rd7 Rf8+ 37.Ke3 g5 38.Nc5



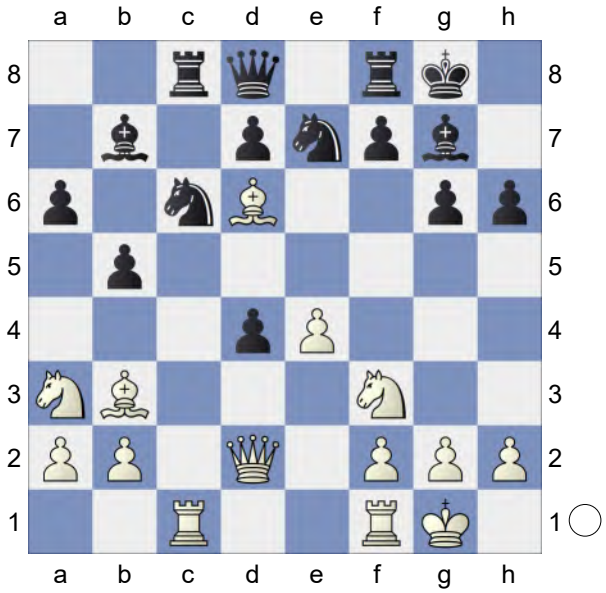
Discovered Attack, Double Attack

38...Bg8 39.a4 Rf3+ 40.Kxe4 Rf2 41.Kxe5 Rxh2 42.Rc3 Re2+ 43.Kd6 Rd2+ 44.Rd3 Rxd3+ 45.Nxd3 Kxg3

46.Rxa7 h5 47.b6 Rd8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.66 **48.Rd7**
1-0

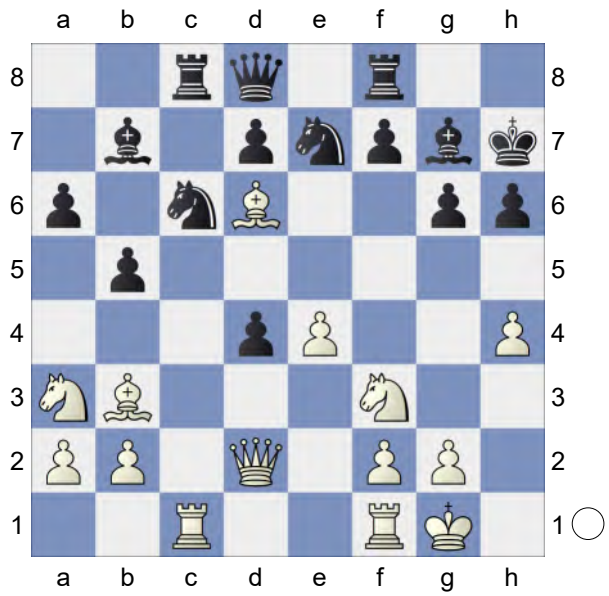
299 **B31**
□ **Dziadosz,Gabriela** **1220**
■ **Biala,Julia** **0**
POL-ch Rapid U18 Girls (8) 30.08.2023
[TA]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, Evgeni: 'Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Buksa,J (2081)-Jun,R (2200) CZE-ch Amateur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 *(11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8* 1-0 Vasiukov,E-Timoscenko,G USSR 20/370 1975*)* 11...Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2) Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1 26.Qxc4 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Qd1 28.Qf1 Qc1 29.a4 Qxc5 30.Nf3 Kg7 31.Qb5 Qxb5 32.axb5 a6 33.b6 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10. ♗c2 c5 11. ♘bd2_15267 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 1996 (2)]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 e5 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 cxd4 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.Bd6 0-0 10.Na3 -0.01/21
[10.Nbd2± 0.85/21]
10...a6= Dodges a4 **11.Bc4 b5! 12.Bb3** The position is equal. **12...Bb7 13.Rc1** -0.23/20
[⌓13.Qd2 0.26/22]
13...Rc8 0.65/22
[Black should try 13...Bh6= -0.23/20]
14.Qd2!± White has compensation.
14...h6 0.71/20
[14...Qb6= 0.22/20]



15.h4!± Kh7 1.51/19
[⌓15...Qb6 0.84/19]

(Diagram)



16.h5 0.78/19 White has more active pieces.
[Better is 16.Rfe1! 1.51/19]
This move loses the game for Black.
16...d3 2.06/19
[16...f5± 0.78/19 might work better.]
17.e5
[Much less strong is 17.Qxd3?! Bxb2 18.Rc2 Bg7±]
17...Qe8 2.86/21
[17...f5± 1.47/19]
18.Qxd3+- Black must now prevent Nb1.
18...Na7? 4.90/21
[18...Kh8 2.55/21 19.Rfe1 gxh5]
19.Nh4 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Nac6 21.Re1 Rg8 22.Nc2 Bf8 23.Ne3 Rg7 24.Ng4 Ng8 25.Bxf8 Qxf8 26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.exf6 Rg8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/Black=1.41 **28.hxg6+** An unexpected result.
½-½

300 **B30**
□ **Hjorth,Jesper** **2119**
■ **Ward,Richard** **2150**
corr DEN-ENG 2014 14.11.2014
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 Bb7 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Ng6 10.Be3 B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6. **10...Qc7 11.Nd2 Bd6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6**
[But not 12...Bxh2+ 13.Kh1 Bxc6 14.g3 Bxg3 15.fxg3±]
13.g3 h5! 14.f4 h4 15.Nf3N
[Predecessor: 15.Qe2 hxg3 16.hxg3 0-0-0 17.a4 Rh6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qf3 Rdh8 20.Ra7 Qb8 21.Ra6 Bxf4 22.Bxf4 Nxf4 23.Qxf4 0-1 Turko,S (2055)-Petukhov,V (2118) RUS Club Cup2 email 2009]
15...Kf8
[⌓15...hxg3 16.hxg3 Bb7]
16.Qd3 Kg8 17.a4 b4 18.Rad1 Be7 19.cxb4 Bxb4 20.Rc1 a5 21.Nd4
[21.Bb1=]
21...hxg3 22.hxg3 Bb7 23.Bb1 Qd8 24.Rfd1 Rh3 25.Kg2 Ba6 26.Nb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless) .
Mistake: White=1 Black=1
Inaccurate: White=1 Black=1
OK: White=9 Black=7
Best: --- Black=1
½-½

301 **B30**
□ **Chilson,Steven W** **2092**
■ **Hjorth,Jesper** **2090**
corr DEN-USA 2014 04.06.2014
[Tactical Analysis 6.4]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qb6 7.Nxc6 B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6. **7...bxc6 8.Be2 Ng6 9.c4** White has an edge. **9...Be7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Be3 c5 13.g3 a6 14.f4 Rd8 15.a3**
[15.Bf3±]
15...Rb8 16.Qd3 Qa5N
[16...Bb7=]
[Predecessor: 16...Bb7 17.b4 d6 18.Bf3 Bf6 19.b5 Qa5 20.Rb3 axb5 21.Nxb5 Bc6 22.Rfb1 Rbc8 ½-½ Carvalho,L (2108)-Borwell,A (2199) VW-Cup4 Gr12 email 2011]
17.Qd2
[Better is 17.h4±]
17...Qc7!= 18.Rfd1 Bb7 19.Bf3 Nf8 20.Bg2 d6 21.Bf3 Nd7 22.Bf2 Ba8 23.b3 Bf8 24.Qc2 h6 25.Kg2 Be7 26.Qd3 Nf6 27.Be3 Re8 28.Kg1 Rec8 29.Rdc1 Nd7 30.Bf2 Qa5 31.Rd1 Nf6
[Reject 31...Qxa3?! 32.Ra1 Qb4 *(32...Qxb3? too greedy. 33.Rdb1+-)* 33.Rxa6 Qxb3 34.Rb1±]
32.Kg2 Rd8 33.Rd2 Qc7 34.Qe2 Nd7 35.Rdd1 The position is equal.
35...Rdc8 36.h3 Bf8 37.Be3 Rd8 38.Qd3 Rbc8 39.Qd2 Be7 40.Bf2 Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless) . Mistake: White=2 Black=1 Inaccurate: White=2 --- OK: White=11 Black=9
½-½

302 **B31**
□ **Sicilian Rossolimo**
■ **3.Bb5 Nf6**
Survey 2005
[Horvath,Ta,QUICK Rep 2005]

1.e4 Richard Palliser: 'Erenburg,Sergey Erenburg,Sergey Erenburg,Sergey: 'Erenburg Erenburg' Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil'' **1...c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6**
[3...e5!?
A) 4.0-0 Nge7 *(4...Bd6!? 5.c3 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d4±)* 5.c3 g6 6.d4 -⟶B31 -⟶B31;
B) 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 Bd6 6.Be3 Ne7 7.Nbd2 Ng6 *(7...f6!?)* 8.Nc4 b6 9.Nxd6+ Qxd6 10.h3 Be6 11.Qd2±]
[3...e6
A) 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d3 Ne7
A1) 6.Bd2!? 'N!?' Glatman. Gershon: 'This move has become quite popular in the last couple of years.White's main idea is to wait and see what black plays and react accordingly. ' Gershon: 'This move has become quite popular in the last couple of years.White's main idea is to wait and see what black plays and react accordingly. '
A1a) 6...Ng6 7.h4 h5 8.e5!
A1a1) 8...f6 9.Qe2 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 fxe5 11.Qxe5 Qf6 12.Qg3 *(12.Bc3 Qxe5+ 13.Bxe5 d6 14.Bg3 e5* ½-½ Yandemirov,V-Shariyazdanov,A/St Petersburg RUS 2001/ (14) ½-½ Yandemirov,V-Shariyazdanov,A/St

Petersburg RUS 2001/ (14)) 12...Qxb2 13.Qg6+ Kd8 14.0-0 Qxa1 15.Ba5+ Ke7 16.Bc3 Qxa2 17.Bxg7→ 1-0 Hasangatin, R-Zambor,N/Presov 2000/ (58);

A1a2) 8...Be7

A1a21) 9.Bc3± f6 10.Nbd2 d5 *(10...fxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bf6 13.Nc4±; 10...Qc7 11.Qe2 Nf4? 12.Qe4 Nxg2+ 13.Kf1+-)* 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Nc4 Qd5 13.Ne3 Qd7 14.g3 *(14.Nd2 Nf4 15.Qf3 Nd5±)* 14...e5 15.Nd2 Nf8 16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 Ne6 18.Qf3 Nd4 19.Qf2 *(19.Bxd4? cxd4 20.Nec4 Qe6+∓; 19.Qg3 Qe6!)* 19...Qe6 20.Ndc4 *(20.0-0-0 Qxa2; 20.f5 Nxf5∓)* 20...Ba6 21.0-0-0 0-0-0 22.f5 Qd7 Nevednichy-Damljanovic/ Jugoslavia/1993;

A1a22) 9.Qe2 f6 *(9...Rb8 10.Na3 Ba6 11.0-0-0 d6 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Nc4 Qd5 14.Bc3 f6 15.g3±* ½-½ Deseatnicov,I-Miton, K/Athens GRE 2001/ (44) ½-½ Deseatnicov,I-Miton, K/Athens GRE 2001/ (44)) 10.Bc3 Kf7 11.Qe3 fxe5 12.Nxe5+ Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Bf6 14.Qxc5 Bxh4 15.Nd2 Qe7 16.Qe3 Bf6 17.Qf3 Kg6 18.Ne4 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 d5 20.Qg3+ Kh6 21.Ke2 g6 22.Qf4+ g5 23.Nxg5 Qxg5 24.Rxh5+ Kxh5 25.Qf7+ Qg6 26.Rh1+ 1-0 Thipsay,B-Aarthie,R/ New Delhi IND 2001/ (26);

A1b) 6...d6!?;

A1c) 6...d5!?;

A1d) 6...f6 7.Nh4

A1d1) 7...d6 8.f4 Qc7 9.0-0 *(9.Qh5+ g6 10.Qe2 Bg7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.Na3 Rb8 13.b3 e5 14.fxe5 fxe5 15.Nc4 d5 16.Ba5 Qb7 17.Ncd2 Be6 18.0-0=* 1-0 Hasangatin,R-Akimov,I/ Bor 2000/EXT 2001 (39)*)* 9...Ng6 10.Qh5 Qf7 11.Nxg6 Qxg6 12.Qf3 *(≤12.Qxg6+ hxg6 13.e5 c4 14.dxc4 d5⇄* 0-1 Hasangatin,R-Somkin,E/ Bor 2000/ (39)*)* 12...e5 13.Na3 Be7 14.fxe5 fxe5 15.Nc4 Rb8 16.a3 Rb7 17.b4 cxb4 18.axb4 Be6 19.Ne3± ½-½ Yandemirov, V-Somkin,E/Voronezh 2000/ (44) ½-½ Yandemirov,V-Somkin,E/Voronezh 2000/ (44);

A1d2) 7...g6!? Black's idea is to place the dark ♗ on the long ⇗, where he can be more effective in the long run Black's idea is to place the dark ♗ on the long ⇗, where he can be more effective in the long run 8.f4 Bg7 9.Nf3 d6 10.0-0 0-0 Black has a vrey flexible pawn formation - ready to

react on any white's movement in the center Black has a vrey flexible pawn formation - ready to react on any white's movement in the center

A1d21) 11.c3 d5!? 12.Be3 c4⇄ *(12...Ba6!?)*;

A1d22) 11.e5 fxe5 12.fxe5 d5

A1d221) 13.c4!?

A1d2211) 13...Rb8 14.Nc3 Rxb2 *(≤14...dxc4 15.dxc4 Rxb2 16.Be3↑)* 15.Na4 Rb8 16.Kh1⩲;

A1d2212) △13...dxc4?! 14.dxc4 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Rxf1+ 17.Qxf1 Qxe5 18.Bc3 Qf5 19.Nd2→ white has a very strong initiative against the weak black ♔ white has a very strong initiative against the weak black ♔;

A1d222) 13.Nc3 Nf5 14.Na4 Nd4 15.Nxd4 *(15.Nxc5? Nxf3+ 16.Rxf3 Bxe5∓)* 15...cxd4 16.Qe2 Rb8 17.b4 Rb7 18.Rxf8+ Qxf8 19.Nc5 *(19.Rf1 Rf7 20.Rxf7 Qxf7 21.c3 dxc3 22.Bxc3 Qf4∓)* 19...Rf7 20.c3 dxc3 21.Bxc3 Qd8 22.Nb3 *(22.Qg4!? Rf5 23.d4±)* 22...Qb6+ 23.d4 Bf8 24.Nc5± ½-½ Fressinet,L-Nataf, l/Marseille 2001/ (24) Sicilian Rossolimo-4. Bc6 bc6 5.d3 Ne7 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta] ½-½ Fressinet,L-Nataf, l/Marseille 2001/ (24);

A2) 6.Nbd2 Ng6 7.h4 h5 8.Nc4 d6 9.Bd2 e5 10.Ne3 Nf4 11.g3 Ne6 12.Ng5 f6 13.Nxe6 Bxe6 14.c4± 1-0 Anand,V-Christiansen, L/Monte Carlo 1993/ (61);

A3) 6.Ng5 Hansen,Cu: 'Another logical plan here - by playing f2-f4, White´s main idea is to built a kind of "pawnwall". Taking into consideration Black´s broken structure is quite dufficult for Black to create counterplay against it. ' Hansen,Cu: 'Another logical plan here - by playing f2-f4, White´s main idea is to built a kind of "pawnwall". Taking into consideration Black´s broken structure is quite dufficult for Black to create counterplay against it. '

A3a) 6...Ng6 7.f4 Be7 8.Nf3 d5 *(8...Qc7 9.g3 d6 10.Qe2 f5 11.h4 0-0 12.e5 Nh8 13.b3 Nf7 14.Bb2 Rb8 15.exd6 Bxd6 16.Nbd2 Ba6 17.0-0-0 Rfe8 18.Rhe1 Rbd8 19.Ne5 Bf8 20.Nxf7 Qxf7 21.Nf3± Komliakov,V-Milanovic,D/Pozarevac/1995. Komliakov,V-Milanovic,D/ Pozarevac/1995.)* 9.c4 e5

10.f5 dxe4 11.dxe4 Nf4? 12.Qxd8+ Bxd8 13.Nxe5 Nxg2+ 14.Kf2 Nh4 15.Nc3 Bf6 16.Ng4 Bd4+ 17.Kg3 h5 18.Nf2 Bf6 19.Nh3 Bxf5 20.exf5 Nxf5+ 21.Kf4+- 1-0 Bologan,V-Sveshnikov,E/Tallinn EST 2000/ (42);

A3b) 6...f6 7.Nh3 d5 *(7...g6 8.f4 Bg7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nf2 d6 11.Nd2 a5 12.a4 f5 13.Nf3 Rb8 14.Rb1 c4!? 15.dxc4 fxe4 16.Nxe4 d5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nf2 Qb6 19.Re1 Nf5 20.Ne5 Rb7 21.b3 Rd8∞)* ½-½ Bologan,V-Shabalov,A/Connecticut USA 2000/The Week in Chess 286 (37) ½-½ Bologan,V-Shabalov,A/Connecticut USA 2000/The Week in Chess 286 (37)*)* 8.Nc3 Ng6 9.Qh5 Bd6 10.Nf4 Bxf4 11.Bxf4 0-0 12.Bd2 f5± 13.Qg5 Qxg5 14.Bxg5 c4= 1-0 Adams,M-Vaisser,A/France 2001/ (52);

A4) 6.h4?!

A4a) 6...f6

A4a1) 7.e5 fxe5 8.Nxe5 d6 9.Nc4 Nf5 *(9...e5 10.Nc3 Nd5 11.Ne4±)* 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nbd2 *(11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qg5 Rb8=* 0-1 Oratovsky,M-Miladinovic,I/ch World juniors (under 1994 (59) *)* 11...0-0 *(11...Bxg5 12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qxg5=)*;

A4a2) 7.Be3 d6 8.c3 Rb8 9.Qc2 e5 10.d4± 1-0 Oratovsky,M-Whitehead,J/Int Open, North Bay CAN 1998 (23);

A4b) 6...h5 7.Qe2 *(7.Nbd2 Ng6 8.e5 f6 9.Nc4?! Ba6 10.Qe2 Bxc4 11.Qe4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Kf7 13.Rh3 c4 14.Qe2 c3 15.exf6 gxf6 16.bxc3 Qa5∓* 0-1 Sambuev,B-Belikov,V/Moscow 1998/EXT 2000 (31) *)*

A4b1) 7...d6 8.e5 d5 9.c4 Nf5 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bf4 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Nd2 Bb4 14.0-0 Bxd2 15.Bxd2 dxc4 16.Qe4 Qd7 17.Bb4! Bb7 18.Bc5 cxd3 19.Qg6+ Qf7 20.Qxd3 fxe5 21.Rae1± 1-0 Langheinrich,F-Sebenik,M/Balatonlelle HUN 2000/ (41);

A4b2) 7...Ng6 8.e5

A4b21) 8...f6? 9.Qe4 *(9.Rh3 d5 10.exd6 Bxd6 11.Rh1 e5 12.Na3 Bg4 13.Nc4 0-0 14.Qe4 Ne7∞* Obodchuk,A-Bocharov,D/Orsk 2000/Obodchuk,A-Bocharov,D/Orsk 2000*/)* 9...Kf7 10.Rh3 *(10.Na3 Qc7 11.Nc4 Ba6 12.Bf4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Be7 14.Rh3 Kg8 15.Rg3 Rh7 16.0-0-0 Rf8 17.Qe4 Rh6 18.Qe3 Kh7 19.Rh1 Bxc4 20.dxc4 fxe5 21.Nxe5 Bd6 22.f4 Rhf6 23.Rd1 Kg8 24.Rf3 Rf5= ½-½* Vokarev,S-Arkhipov,S/Smolensk RUS 2000/ (27) ½-½ Vokarev,S-Arkhipov,S/Smolensk RUS 2000/ (27)*; 10.Na3±)* 10...Qc7

11.Ng5+ fxg5 12.Rf3+ Kg8 13.Qxg6 Qxe5+ 14.Kf1 gxh4 *(14...g4□ 15.Rf4 Ba6 16.Nc3 d5 17.Bd2±)* 15.Bg5+- Ba6 16.Nc3 c4 17.d4 Qxd4 18.Qf7+ Kh7 19.Qxh5+ Kg8 20.Qf7+ Kh7 21.Rf6+- 1-0 Bezold,M-Volkmann,F/Austria 1999/EXT 2000 (22);

A4b22) 8...Be7 9.Qe4 c4 10.dxc4 Rb8 11.Nbd2 *(11.b3 c5 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Qe3 Nxh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.Nc3 Qg5 16.Qxc5 Bxg2 17.Rg1 Qg4 18.Ba3 Bg5 19.Rd1 h4 20.Rd4 Qf3 21.Ne4 Bd8 22.Nd6+ Kf8 23.Nf5+ Be7 24.Qxe7+ Kg8 25.Qf8+* 1-0 Breder,D-Moroz,A/Pardubice 2000/EXT 2001 (25)*)* 11...c5 12.b3 Bb7 13.Qe3 f5 14.Bb2 Bc6 15.g3 Qb6 16.0-0-0 a5 17.Rhe1 a4 18.Nb1 0-0 19.Qd3 Ra8 20.Ng5 axb3 21.axb3 Qb7 22.Nc3 Ra5 23.Rd2 1-0 Palac,M-Nijboer,F/Metz FRA 2001/ (40);

A4b23) 8...d6 9.exd6 Bxd6 10.Nc3 e5 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.f3 Bf5 13.Be3 Rb8 14.0-0-0 Qb6 15.b3 Qa5 16.Nce4 Be7 17.Kb1 0-0 18.Ng3± 1-0 Yudasin,L-Manca,F/Reggio Emilia ITA 2000 (28);

A4b3) 7...d5 8.c4 Ng6 9.e5 Be7 10.Nc3 *(10.g3 f6 11.Nc3 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Bf6 14.Qe2±)* 10...Bxh4 *(10...Ba6 11.g3 Rb8 12.b3 Qd7 13.Na4±* 1-0 Oratovsky,M-Reznik,V/ch 2000 (39)*)* 11.Nxh4 Nxh4 12.g3 Nf5 13.Rxh5 Kd7 14.Na4 *(14.Kf1±)* 14...Nd4 15.Nxc5+ Kc7∓ 0-1 Oratovsky,M-Greenfeld,A/Israel 1999/EXT 2000 (27);

A4b4) 7...f6 8.e5 fxe5

A4b41) 9.Qxe5 Nf5

A4b411) 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nc3 *(11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nbd2 d6 13.Qe4 Qd7=)* 11...d6 12.Qe2 Rb8 13.b3 e5 14.Ne4 0-0 15.c3 a5∞ 0-1 Markovic,M-Perunovic,M/Subotica YUG 2000/ (39);

A4b412) 10.Qe4!?N White frees up the 'e5' square for the ♘, and takes the 'c6' ♙ under control so black cannot prevent the ♘ from getting to e5 White frees up the 'e5' square for the ♘, and takes the 'c6' ♙ under control so black cannot prevent the ♘ from getting to e5 10...Rb8 11.Ne5?

A heavy mistake. A heavy mistake. *(11.c3* Looks much better,

preventing black ♖ from getting into the game Looks much better, preventing black ♖ from getting into the game *Be7 12.Ne5± ⩲Nxh4?? 13.Rxh4 Bxh4 14.Qg6+ Ke7 15.Qxg7+ Kd6 16.Nf7++-)* 11...Rb4 12.c4 d5 Now the centralization of white ♕ turns out to be a serious drawback. White is forced to waste two important tempi to get his ♕ to..... its initial position!! Now the centralization of white ♕ turns out to be a serious drawback. White is forced to waste two important tempi to get his ♕ to..... its initial position!! 13.Qf3 *(13.Qe2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Qf6∓)* 13...Qf6! 14.Nxc6 *(14.Bf4 Nd4-+)* 14...Rb6! *(14...Rxb2 15.Bg5 Qf7* is much weaker than the game is much weaker than the game *)* 15.Nxa7 *(15.cxd5 exd5 16.Qe2+ Be7 17.Nxe7 Re6 18.Nxc8 Rxe2+ 19.Kxe2 0-0!-+)* 15...Bb7 It's not that white enjoyed so much cutting his ♘ off the game white black was developing his pieces, he simply didn't have any choice It's not that white enjoyed so much cutting his ♘ off the game white black was developing his pieces, he simply didn't have any choice

A4b4121) 16.Qf4 Bd6 17.Qg5 dxc4! *(17...Qe5+ 18.Kd1 dxc4 19.Re1 Qd5 20.Nd2⇄)* 18.Qxf6 *(18.dxc4 Qe5+ 19.Kf1 Rxb2-+)* 18...gxf6 19.dxc4 Nd4 20.Na3 Bxg2-+;

A4b4122) 16.Qd1 dxc4 17.Bg5 *(17.dxc4 Bxg2 18.Rg1 Qe5+-+; 17.Qa4+ Kf7 18.Qd7+ Kg8 19.Qc7 Rxb2!-+)* 17...Qe5+!? *(17...Qxb2 18.Nd2 cxd3 19.0-0 Qa3 20.Nc4 Qxa7 21.Nxb6 Qxb6 22.Qxd3 Bd6∓)* 18.Kf1 Qd5?! *(18...Rxb2 19.Nd2 Qd5 20.Rh2 Qxd3+* is stronger is stronger *)* 19.Rh2 Bd6 20.Nc3 Forcing an endgame. Although without the ladies white's breathings seems to

become easier the position is left hopeless! Forcing an endgame. Although without the ladies white's breathings seems to become easier the position is left hopeless! Qxd3+ 21.Qxd3 cxd3 22.Rh3 Rxb2 23.Nab5 c4 24.Nxd6+ Nxd6-+ 0-1 Sutovsky,E-Nataf,I/New Delhi/ Teheran 2000/ (46);

A4b42) 9.Nxe5 d6 10.Nc4 Nf5 *(10...e5 11.Bg5± ×g5 ×g5)* 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 *(12.Nbd2⇄)* 12...Qxe7 13.Nc3 e5∓ 14.0-0-0 Be6 15.Kb1 Rb8 16.Rde1 Nd4 17.Qd2 0-0∓ 18.Nd1 Qc7 19.f3 Rf4 20.Re4 d5 21.Rxf4 exf4 22.Qa5 Qe7 23.Ne5 Bf5∓ 0-1 Shabanov,Y-Arkhipov, S/Smolensk RUS 2000/ (61);

A5) 6.Nh4!? Ng6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.Be3N d5 9.Nd2 Bd6 10.c3 Ba6 11.Qc2 f5!? 12.e5 Be7 13.0-0-0 Kf7?! *(13...0-0 14.f4 d4 15.cxd4 cxd4 16.Bf2 c5∞)* 14.Nf3!? Δ15.c4 &15.c4 g5 15.h3?! *(15.c4∞)* 15...c4?! *(15...f4 16.Bd2 c4 17.dxc4 Bxc4* Δ18...Be2∓ Δ18...Be2∓ *18.Nd4 Bxa2 19.Nxc6 Qc7 20.Nxe7 Qxe7↑)* 16.dxc4 Bxc4 17.Nd2 *(17.Nd4?! Bxa2 18.Nxc6 Qc7 19.Nxe7 Qxe7↑)* 17...Be2 18.Rde1 Bb5 19.f4? *(19.Nb3 Ba4; 19.a4 Ba6 20.Nb3⇄)* 19...Qa5 20.Kb1 Qa6?! 21.c4 dxc4 0-1 Bologan, V-Krasenkow,M/New York 1997/ (42);

A6) 6.0-0 Ng6

A6a) 7.Nbd2 Be7 *(* Was checked in the previous games: *7...d6 8.Nc4 Be7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.a3 f5 11.e5 d5 12.Na5 Qc7; 7...e5!? 8.b3?! Be7 9.Nc4 d6*= Kauschmann, H-Muse,M/Berlin,1998(0-1) (35) *)* 8.Nc4 Most probably,it's not best place for white knight. 0-0 9.Bd2 Ba6 ⇗a6-f1 ⇗a6-f1 10.Re1 f6 Against ♘fe5. Against ♘fe5. 11.a3 Rb8 12.Rb1?! *(* White equalizes after: *12.b4 Bxc4 13.dxc4 cxb4 14.axb4 Bxb4 15.Bxb4 Rxb4 16.Rxa7 Rf7=)* 12...Qc7!?N In my opinion,this novelty much better,than: *(12...d6 13.h3 Qd7 14.b4 d5 15.Na5 Rfc8 16.Nb3 cxb4 17.axb4 e5 18.Ra1 Bb5*= Belli,M-Granda Zuniga,J/Peru, 1994 (½-½) (27) Belli,M-Granda Zuniga,J/Peru,1994 (½-½) (27)*)* △13.Ba5 Qc8 Now arrangement of the white bishop in a5 very dubious. 14.Qd2 *(* Can be recommended: *14.Ne3!?)* 14...Re8 Δd5 Δd5 15.h4 Nh8! Preventive move. Knight transfer to "f7". 16.e5 *(*Again better is: *16.Ne3)* 16...fxe5 17.Ncxe5

*(*Loses right away: *17.Rxe5* because of: *d5! 18.Ne3 Nf7 19.Rh5 g6)* 17...d6 18.Nc4 e5∓ 0-1 Galego,L-Golod,V/Neum 2000/ (26);

A6b) Other possibilities is: Other possibilities is: 7.e5!?;

A6c) 7.Ng5 e5 8.Qh5 Harmless move. Harmless move. Qf6 9.Nc3 d6 10.Ne2 h6 11.Nh3 Nh4 12.Ng5 Ng6 13.Nh3 Nh4 14.Ng5 Ng6 ½-½ Sokolov,A-Lautier,J/Val d'Isere FRA 2002/ (14) ½-½ Sokolov,A-Lautier,J/Val d'Isere FRA 2002/ (14);

A7) 6.Qe2 Gofshtein,L: 'An alternative to this is 6.Ng5 trying to mobilize the f-pawn, was played in the game demonstrated bellow and brought about better play for white.' Gofshtein,L: 'An alternative to this is 6.Ng5 trying to mobilize the f-pawn, was played in the game demonstrated bellow and brought about better play for white.'

A7a) 6...Ng6 7.h4 *(7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 e5 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 d6 11.Qc2 Bg4 12.Nd2 Bg5=* 1-0 Willmoth,R-Aarthie,R/Torquay 2002/ (53)*)* 7...h5 8.e5 f6 9.Qe4 Kf7 10.Na3± ½-½ Topalov,V-Shirov,A/Monaco MNC 2002/ (39) ½-½ Topalov,V-Shirov,A/Monaco MNC 2002/ (39);

A7b) 6...f6 7.Nh4 g6 8.f4 Bg7

A7b1) 9.Nf3 0-0 10.Qf2 d6 11.Nc3 e5 *(11...h6!?)* 12.fxe5 fxe5 13.Qh4 a5 14.Bh6 Qd7 15.0-0± 1-0 Glek,I-Krasenkow,M/Mainz 2002/ (64). (63) 1-0 Glek,I-Krasenkow,M/Mainz 2002/ (64). (63);

A7b2) 9.e5 0-0 10.Nf3 fxe5 11.fxe5 Nf5 12.c3 c4!? 13.dxc4 *(13.d4!? c5 14.Bg5 Qa5↑)* 13...c5 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Nbd2 Qc7⩱ ½-½ Najer,E-Sherbakov,R/Tomsk 2001/CBM 82 ext (15). ½-½ Najer,E-Sherbakov,R/Tomsk 2001/CBM 82 ext (15).;

A7b3) 9.0-0

A7b31) 9...0-0 Oratovsky,M: 'Here is the critical position of all this line. Black's best plan is to play h6 and g5, exchanging white's pawn f4, then black can push all their central pawns not being afraid of creating weaknesses. On the other hand the plan of Glek with ♘f3 and ♕f2-h4 looks promising for white. ' Oratovsky,M: 'Here is the critical position of all this line. Black's best plan is to play h6 and g5, exchanging white's pawn f4, then black can push all their central pawns not being afraid of creating weaknesses. On the other hand the plan of Glek with ♘f3 and ♕f2-h4 looks promising for white. '

A7b311) 10.c4 Rabinovich,A:

'McShane's new idea.' Rabinovich,Al: 'McShane's new idea.' d6 *(10...e5 11.f5 d6 12.Nc3 Rb8 13.b3 Bd7 14.Be3 Qa5 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Rf2 Rf7 17.Raf1±* 1-0 McShane,L-Djukic, N/Dos Hermanas 2003/ EXT 2004 (40). (39) 1-0 McShane,L-Djukic, N/Dos Hermanas 2003/ EXT 2004 (40). (39)*)* 11.Nc3

A7b3111) 11...Rb8 12.Be3 Rb7 *(12...Bd7 13.Rf2 Rb7 14.Raf1 e5? 15.f5 g5 16.Nf3 Nc8 17.g4 Be8 18.h4→* 1-0 McShane,L-Ramaswamy,A/ Torquay ENG 2002/ (40)*)* 13.Rf2 h6 14.g3 g5 15.Ng2 Ng6 16.Raf1 Bd7 17.h4 gxf4 18.gxf4 Kh7 19.h5 Nh8 20.f5 exf5 21.exf5 Re8 22.Ne4 Bc8 23.Qg4 Nf7 24.Qg6+→ 1-0 Moiseenko,A-Nedev,T/Bled 2002/ (60). (59) 1-0 Moiseenko,A-Nedev, T/Bled 2002/ (60). (59);

A7b3112) 11...h6 Rabinovich,Al: 'Very original. Preparing g5, what is a very good positional idea. I believe black saw the game McShane-Ramaswamy from the same tournament and prepared this nice reply.' Rabinovich, Al: 'Very original. Preparing g5, what is a very good positional idea. I believe black saw the game McShane-Ramaswamy from the same tournament and prepared this nice reply.'

A7b31121) 12.Be3?! g5

A7b311211) After After 13.fxg5 black has a good choise between black has a good choise between hxg5 *(13...fxg5!? 14.Rxf8+ Qxf8 15.Rf1 Qe8 16.Nf3 Ng6* and black is not worse here. One of black bishops always will be good: ♗g7 now or ♗c8 after black plays e5 and ♗e6. and black is not worse here. One of black bishops always will be good: ♗g7 now or

♗c8 after black plays e5 and ♗e6.*)*
14.Nf3 Ng6 *(14...e5⇄)*;
A7b311212)
13.Nf3 gxf4 *(13...Rb8?! 14.Rf2 Bd7 15.fxg5 hxg5 16.e5!±)* 14.Bxf4 e5 15.Bd2 *(15.Be3 f5↑)* 15...Rb8 *(15...f5!↑)*
A7b3112121)
16.Nh4?!
White didn't want to let black play f5 and decides to sacrafise the pawn. White didn't want to let black play f5 and decides to sacrafise the pawn.
Rxb2 17.Nd1 Rb7 18.Ne3 d5!
The best. The best.
(18...Be6 19.Nef5 Nxf5 20.Nxf5 Bxf5 21.Rxf5⩱) 19.Rad1 Rb2 Positionally white is already in trouble, all is left is to complicate the game by attacking the black king. Positionally white is already in trouble, all is left is to complicate the game by attacking the black king.
20.Qh5 Qe8 21.Qf3 *(21.Qxe8 Rxe8 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.exd5 Rxa2 24.d6 Nc6 25.Nhf5 Nd4 26.Ne7+ Kh7 27.N7d5 Rf8* Black is much better. Black is much better.*)* 21...d4 *(21...dxe4 22.dxe4 Rxa2 23.Ng4⩱)* 22.Nef5 *(22.Ng4 Kh7∓)* 22...Bxf5 23.exf5 *(23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.Qxf5 Rxa2∓)* 23...Kh7 *(23...Rxa2!* It was good time to collect another pawn. It was good time to collect another pawn. *24.Qg4 Kh7)* 24.g4!?
0-1 McShane,L-Ramesh,R/Torquay 2002/ (59);
A7b3112122)
16.Rab1 f5∓;
A7b3112123)
16.b3
A7b31121231)
16...f5!? 17.exf5 Nxf5 18.Ne4 Rb7!? *(18...Be6!?)* 19.g4 Nd4 *(19...Ne7 20.Nh4±)* 20.Nxd4 cxd4∞;
A7b31121232)
16...Ng6 17.Rf2 f5 18.exf5 Obviously

black would be happy pushing f4! Obviously black would be happy pushing f4! Bxf5 19.Raf1 Qd7 20.Be3 Black prepared to play ♘f4, so white could find a more useful move than ♗e3. Black prepared to play ♘f4, so white could find a more useful move than ♗e3. *(20.Ne4!?; 20.Kh1!?)* 20...Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qd2 Bg4⇄ 0-1 Vescovi,G-Novikov,S/Moscow 2004/ (40) The position has opened and the pair of black bishops obviously is stronger than white's knights. The only problem in black's position is the pawn f4. The position has opened and the pair of black bishops obviously is stronger than white's knights. The only problem in black's position is the pawn f4.;

A7b31122) 12.g4 g5 *(12...f5!? 13.Be3∞)* 13.Ng2 Ng6 14.f5 exf5 15.gxf5 Ne5 16.Be3 Bd7 17.Bf2 Be8 18.Bg3 Bf7 19.Ne3 Qe8 20.h3 Rb8 21.Ng4 Rb7 22.Rad1 Rd7 23.Rd2 Kh8 24.Nxe5 dxe5 25.Na4 1-0 Bologan,V-Nataf,I/Cap d'Agde 2002/ (68);

A7b312) 10.Nf3

A7b3121) 10...Rb8!? Finkel,A: 'Not permitting white to play Be3.' 11.c4 'Typical decision for this kind of position.' d6 12.Be3 e5 13.fxe5 fxe5 14.Qd2 'This move I can hardly explain, it's just a waste of time!' *(14.Nc3 Bg4 15.b3 Qd7 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Rf8=)* 14...Bg4 '!?' Finkel,A. '!?' Finkel,A. 15.Nc3 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 Rxf3 17.gxf3 Kh8= 18.Rf1 Ng8 19.Ne2 Nf6 20.b3 Qd7 *(Nothing promised 20...Nh5 21.Ng3 Qh4 22.Nxh5 Qxh5=)* 21.Kg2?! *(Better was 21.Ng3!? h5*

22.Qg2!±) 21...Rf8 22.Ng3 h5 23.h3 Kh7 24.Ne2 Ne8!? Knight has nothing to do on f6 so it goes to e6!

A7b31211) 25.f4 exf4

A7b312111) 26.Nxf4? g5! 27.Nxh5 Rxf1 28.Nxg7 *(28.Kxf1? Qxh3+-+)* 28...Rf7 *(28...Nxg7 29.Kxf1 Qxh3+ 30.Ke1∞)* 29.Nf5 Ng7 30.Nxg7 Rxg7 31.Bxg5 Qf7∓;

A7b312112) 26.Rxf4 Nf6 27.Rf3∞;

A7b31212) 25.Qe1 Nc7 26.Qg3 Ne6 27.f4?! exf4 28.Nxf4 Nxf4+ 29.Bxf4 Qf7! 30.Qf3 Qe6!∓ 0-1 Vokarev,S-Shariyazdanov,A/ Moscow RUS 2002/ (59);

A7b3122) 10...e5 11.fxe5 fxe5 12.Be3 d6 13.Nbd2 h6 14.a3 Rb8 *(14...a5∞* Jakovenko,D-Shariyazdanov,A/ Samara 2000/CBM 78 Jakovenko,D-Shariyazdanov,A/ Samara 2000/CBM 78*)* 15.b3 Be6 16.Nc4 g5 17.b4 ½-½ Shariyazdanov, A-Perunovic,M/ Subotica YUG 2000/ (17) ½-½ Shariyazdanov,A-Perunovic,M/ Subotica YUG 2000/ (17);

A7b3123) 10...h6

A7b31231) 11.Be3 I can guess that this move is an improvment for Fressinet's 11. ♘c3. The ♘ can be developed on d2 →c4→d6/e5,which looks as a strong plan for white. I can guess that this move is an improvment for Fressinet's 11.♘c3. The ♘ can be developed on d2 →c4→d6/e5,which looks as a strong plan for white.

A7b312311) ⌓11...e5!? 12.fxe5 *(12.Bxc5 exf4 13.Bd6! Qb6+ 14.d4±)* 12...fxe5 13.Bxc5 d6 14.Be3 g5 15.Nbd2 Ng6 Still can be interesting! Still can be interesting!;

A7b312312) 11...d6?! Allowing white to

play e5 looks like sirious decision.... After black put all his pawns on the 6 rank it seems like his position is crushing..... Allowing white to play e5 looks like sirious decision.... After black put all his pawns on the 6 rank it seems like his position is crushing..... 12.e5! fxe5 13.fxe5± White position is very easy to play: ♘ takes one of c4/e4 squares,in addition to that white can always pressure the weaknesses on ♔ side. White position is very easy to play:♘ takes one of c4/e4 squares,in addition to that white can always pressure the weaknesses on ♔side. Nf5 14.Nbd2 g5 *(14...Kh7 15.Bf2→)* 15.g4!! The best decision! After black knight dissappears there is no defender on the ♔side..... The best decision! After black knight dissappears there is no defender on the ♔side..... Nxe3 *(15...Ne7 16.Ne4* And black structure falls. And black structure falls.*)* 16.Qxe3 Rb8 17.b3 Rb4? *(⌓17...Rf4 18.h3 Qf8* Would still leave black in the game. Would still leave black in the game.*)* 18.Nc4 d5 19.a3 Rb8 20.Nd6 1-0 Marcelin,C-Bacrot,E/Val d'Isere 2002/ (40) Take a look at the differences between white pieces and black! Take a look at the differences between white pieces and black!; **A7b31232)** 11.Nc3 e5 12.fxe5 fxe5 13.Qf2 g5 *(13...d6 14.Qh4 g5 15.Bxg5! hxg5 16.Nxg5+-)* 14.Qxc5 d6 15.Qe3 Ng6 16.Qe1 Rb8 17.Nd2 Nf4 18.Ne2 Rb7 19.Nc4 d5 20.Ne3 dxe4 21.dxe4 Rbf7 '½' Oratovsky,M. '&' Oratovsky,M. 22.Ng3 ½-½ Fressinet,L-

Lautier,J/Cannes FRA 2002/ (22) ½-½ Fressinet,L-Lautier,J/Cannes FRA 2002/ (22);

A7b32) 9...d6 10.Nf3 0-0 11.e5 Nf5 12.exd6 Nd4 13.Qf2 Qxd6 14.Nc3 e5 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.fxe5 fxe5 18.Qe2 Rxf1+ ½-½ Tkachiev,V-Smirin,I/Biel SUI 2002/ (18) ½-½ Tkachiev,V-Smirin,I/Biel SUI 2002/ (18);

A7c) 6...d6 7.e5 d5 8.c4 Nf5 *(8...Ng6?!)* 9.0-0 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 a5 12.Nc3 Nd4 13.Qd1 f6 14.Na4 fxe5 15.Nxe5 Bd6 16.f4 Qc7 17.Kh1 Bb7 18.Qd2 Rf6 19.g3 Raf8 20.Qg2 Bc8 21.Ba3 Qe7 22.Rae1 1-0 Vescovi,G-Matsuura,E/Sao Paulo 2001/ (41);

A7d) 6...Qc7 Erenburg: 'Interesting move. Black's idea is to play e6-e5 as soon as possible. If white pushes forward his "e" pawn, black can reply with the pressure on it with ♘g6 and following f7-f6. ' Gofshtein,L: 'The main line of the variation,after 6...Ng6 7.h4 looks threatening allowing for further difficulties on the kingside.' Erenburg: 'Interesting move. Black's idea is to play e6-e5 as soon as possible. If white pushes forward his "e" pawn, black can reply with the pressure on it with ♘g6 and following f7-f6.' Gofshtein,L: 'The main line of the variation,after 6...Ng6 7.h4 looks threatening allowing for further difficulties on the kingside.'

A7d1) 7.0-0 Ng6 8.Ng5

A7d11) 8...Be7 9.Qh5 Qd8 *(9...d6 10.f4↑; 9...h6? 10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.f4±)* 10.Nc3 Ba6 11.f4 Bxg5 12.fxg5 d6 '?!' Finkel,A. '?!' Finkel,A. *(⌓12...c4 13.d4 d6 14.Be3 0-0∞)* 13.b3 Bc8 14.Ne2 a6 15.Be3 Rb8 16.Rf2 Rb7 17.Raf1 0-0 18.Rf3

A7d111) 18...Re8 19.Rh3 Nf8 20.g6! fxg6 21.Rxf8+! Kxf8 *(21...Rxf8 22.Qxh7+ Kf7 23.Rf3+ Ke8 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Bg5++-)* 22.Qxh7+-;

A7d112) 18...e5 19.Ng3 Re8 20.Nf5 ½-½ Ovetchkin,R-Sherbakov,R/Smolensk 2000/ (43) ½-½ Ovetchkin,R-Sherbakov,R/Smolensk 2000/ (43);

A7d12) 8...e5 Gofshtein,L: 'Black is blocking the advance of f4 in the first place.Also possible is 8...Be7.' Gofshtein,L: 'Black is blocking the advance of f4 in the first place.Also possible is 8...Be7.'

A7d121) 9.Na3 Be7 10.Qh5 Bxg5 Black exchanges, eliminating white's dangerous knight. Black exchanges, eliminating white's dangerous knight. *(10...h6? 11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.f4+-)* 11.Qxg5 0-0 12.Be3 d6 13.Nc4 Be6 Also worthy of attention is the immediate 13...f5 with fair counterplay, or the very energetic 13...d5 Also worthy of attention is the immediate 13...f5 with fair counterplay, or the very energetic 13...d5 *(13...f5!? 14.f4 fxe4 15.fxe5 d5 16.Nd6 d4 17.Rxf8+ Nxf8 18.Bf4 e3; 13...d5!? 14.Na3 Qb6 15.Rfb1 Be6⇄)* 14.Nd2 f5 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4

A7d1211) 16...fxe4?! 17.Nxe4 Rxf4 *(17...Nxf4 18.Rxf4 d5 19.Rxf8+ Rxf8 20.Nxc5±)* 18.Rxf4 d5 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Rxf6 Bf7 21.Raf1↑;

A7d1212) 16...c4!? 17.dxc4 fxe4 18.Be3 White tries to play for an advantage.In case of 18.Ne4 black could have developed a countergame. White tries to play for an advantage.In case of 18.Ne4 black could have developed a countergame. *(18.Nxe4 Nxf4 19.Rxf4 Qb6+ 20.c5 Qxb2 21.Re1 d5⇄)* 18...d5 Worthy of attention is 18...Rab8 attempting to exchange pawn "e" for pawn "c". Worthy of attention is 18... Rab8 attempting to exchange pawn "e" for pawn "c". *(18...Rab8!?)* 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Nb3 Rxf1+ *(20...Qe5?! 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Nc5↑)* 21.Rxf1 1-0 Lutz,C-Tirard,H/ France 2003/ (37);

A7d122) 9.Qh5 d5N Not a very successful novelty.Right is 10... Be7 as was played in Lutz's game-the idea being to exchange white's dangerous knight.Move 9...d5 to a certain extent, deviates from opening principles. Not a very successful novelty. Right is 10...Be7 as

was played in Lutz's game-the idea being to exchange white's dangerous knight. Move 9...d5 to a certain extent, deviates from opening principles. 10.Nc3 Bb7? It appears that black underestimates white's threat.Right would have been 10... h6 forcing back the dangerous knight. It appears that black underestimates white's threat.Right would have been 10...h6 forcing back the dangerous knight. *(10...h6!? 11.Nh3 d4 12.Ne2 Be7)* 11.f4! White takes advantage of the chance to open up the game. White takes advantage of the chance to open up the game. exf4 *(11...d4 12.Ne2→)* 12.exd5 Bd6 White's advantage in development is so great that it's virtually impossible to suggest anything. White's advantage in development is so great that it's virtually impossible to suggest anything. *(12...cxd5 13.Bxf4+-)* 13.Nce4 0-0-0 *(13...Be5 14.d6 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.Re1↑)* 14.Nxd6+ Rxd6 15.Bxf4 Nxf4 16.Qg4+ 16...Rf4 may even be stronger. 16... Rf4 may even be stronger. *(16.Rxf4!? cxd5 17.Nxf7 Rd7 18.Raf1 g6 19.Qe2+-)* 16...Rd7 More stubborn is 16... Qd7. More stubborn is 16...Qd7. *(16...Qd7 17.Qxf4 cxd5 18.Qxf7 Re8)* 17.Rxf4 h5 18.Qf5 cxd5 19.Nxf7 Re8 20.Raf1 Kb8 21.Qxh5+- 1-0 McShane,L-Timman,J/Malmo 2003/ (33) Two extra pawns and an active position guarantees white the victory. Two extra pawns and an active position guarantees white the victory.;

A7d2) 7.e5 White's main strategical idea is not to allow black to get into the game his light-squared bishop. Therefore, white's last move is logical, he fixes black's pawn structure, limitting the possibilities of the light-squared bishop. White tried here many other moves: White's main strategical idea is not to allow black to get into the game his light-squared bishop. Therefore, white's last move is logical, he fixes black's pawn structure, limitting the possibilities of

the light-squared bishop. White tried here many other moves: Ng6N This novelty is stronger, than 7... ♘f5 . In the previous game black continued This novelty is stronger, than 7...♘f5 . In the previous game black continued *(7...Nf5 8.Bd2 Be7 9.Bc3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Rg1 d5 12.exd6 Nxd6 13.Qe5 f6 14.Qxe6+ Kh8 15.0-0-0±* 1-0 Prokopchuk,E-Sherbakov,R/Novgorod 1999/CBM 69 ext (48)*)* 8.Na3 preparing to occupy the c4 square. preparing to occupy the c4 square. Be7 9.h4 It is typical to push forward the "h" pawn, emphasizing the defect of the location of the knight on g6. It is typical to push forward the "h" pawn, emphasizing the defect of the location of the knight on g6. *(9.Nc4 0-0 10.h4 f6* -the game.*)* 9...f6 10.Nc4 *(* White gets nothing after White gets nothing after *10.exf6 Bxf6 11.h5 Nf4 12.Qe4 Nd5 13.Nc4 0-0=)* 10...0-0 -the game. -the game. 11.h5 Nxe5 12.Ncxe5 fxe5 13.h6 weakening the dark squares in the black camp. weakening the dark squares in the black camp. g6 14.Nxe5 d6 15.Nc4

A7d21) Interesting alternative is Interesting alternative is 15...Bf6!? 16.Bf4 *(16.0-0 d5 17.Nd2 e5)* 16...e5 *(16...Bxb2 17.Bxd6 Bc3+ 18.Kf1±; 16...Bc3+ 17.Bd2)* 17.Bg3 *(17.Be3 d5)* 17...Be6∓;

A7d22) 15...e5 Now we see, that black has succeeded to solve his opening problems. His light-squared bishop isn't passive anymore. In addition, black can get better position, if he provides the breakthrough d6-d5. Now we see, that black has succeeded to solve his opening problems. His light-squared bishop isn't passive anymore. In addition, black can get better position, if he provides the breakthrough d6-d5. 16.Bd2 White is going to castle long, as it is quite dangerous to castle short with h6 pawn. White is going to castle long, as it is quite dangerous to castle short with h6 pawn. *(16.0-0 Bf6 17.f4 e4! 18.dxe4 Ba6∓)* 16...Bf6! preparing to push forward "d" pawn. preparing to push forward "d" pawn. 17.0-0-0 d5 18.Na5 *(18.Ne3 Rb8* with initiative. with initiative.*)* 18...Rb8↑ 19.Bc3

A7d221) Simple and strong was Simple and strong was 19...Qb6! 20.b3 *(20.Nb3 c4 21.dxc4 Ba6∓; 20.Rhe1 e4∓)* 20...Qc7!∓;

A7d222) 19...c4? 1-0 Kveinys,A-Fedorov,A/Plovdiv 2003/ (38) Black is playing too aggressively. Black is playing too aggressively.;

A7d3) 7.Nh4 h6 8.g3 g6 9.f4 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Nbd2 f6 12.e5 fxe5 13.fxe5 g5 14.Qe4 Nf5 15.0-0 Ba6 16.Nb3 Nd4 17.Nbxd4 cxd4 18.Bxg5 Rxf3 19.Qxf3 hxg5 20.Qf7+ Kh8 21.Rae1± 1-0 Malakhov,V-Nedev,T/ECC, Rethymnon GRE 2003 (34);

A7d4) 7.Nc3 Ng6 8.Ng5 e5 9.Qh5 d6 10.0-0 h6 11.Nh3 Be7 12.Kh1 Bf6 13.Ng1 ½-½ Anand,V-Grischuk,A/GMA, Wijk aan Zee NED 2003 (13) ½-½ Anand,V-Grischuk,A/GMA, Wijk aan Zee NED 2003 (13);

A7d5) 7.Ng5 h6 *(7...e5 8.0-0 h6 9.Nh3 g5 10.f3 d6 11.Nf2 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nd2 Bg7 14.Nde4 0-0 15.Be3 Nd5 16.a3 a5 17.a4 Nf4 18.Qe1 Bg6 19.Rb1 Ne6 20.b3 Qe7 21.Nd2 d5* ½-½ Marcelin,C-Lautier,J/France 2003/ (108) ½-½ Marcelin,C-Lautier,J/France 2003/ (108) *)* 8.Nh3 g6 9.f4 Bg7 10.c4 e5 11.Nc3 d5 12.0-0 0-0 13.g4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Qd7 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Rae1 Nc6 17.Nxd5 Nd4 18.Qg2 Qxg4 19.Ne7+ Kh7 20.Nxc8 Qxg2+ 21.Kxg2 Raxc8 22.Bd2 g5 ½-½ Ponomariov,R-Anand, V/Linares 2003/ (44) Sicilian Rossolimo-4.Bc6 bc6 5.d3 Ne7 6.Qe2 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta] ½-½ Ponomariov,R-Anand, V/Linares 2003/ (44);

B) 4.0-0 Nge7

B1) 5.b3 a6 *(5...Nd4 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.c3 a6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.cxd4 Nxd4 10.Bb2 Bc5 11.Nc3 d6 12.Ne2±* Akopian-Sveschnikov/Rostov na Donu/1993*; 5...Ng6 6.Bb2 f6 7.Re1 Be7 8.c3 a6 9.Bf1 Qc7 10.d4 0-0 11.g3 b5 12.h4±* 1-0 Akopian,V-Fominyh,A/Ubeda 2001/ (31) *)* 6.Bxc6

B1a) 6...bxc6 7.Bb2 *(7.e5 Ng6 8.Ba3 f6 9.d4 cxd4 10.Qxd4±* Nicevski-Kurajica/Stip/1978 *)* 7...d6 8.e5 d5 9.Nc3 Ng6 10.Na4 Be7 11.c4 dxc4 12.bxc4 Rb8 13.Qc2± Georgiev-Andrijevic/Beograd/1988;

B1b) 6...Nxc6 7.Bb2

B1b1) 7...d5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qd7 10.Re1 b5 11.Ne4 Bb7 12.c4! bxc4 13.bxc4 0-0-0 14.Rb1 f6 15.Ba3± Smirin-Sveschnikoc/Pinsk/

1986;
B1b2) 7...f6 8.Nh4 g6 9.f4 Qe7 10.f5 gxf5 11.exf5 e5 12.c4! b5 13.Nc3 Rb8 14.Nd5± Golubev-Verdihanov/Nikolaev/1993;
B1b3) 7...b5
B1b31) 8.c4! bxc4 *(8...Rb8!?)* 9.bxc4 Rb8 10.Bc3 Bb7 11.d3 d6 12.Na3 e5 13.Nc2± ½-½ Akopian,V-Eljanov,P/Moscow RUS 2002/ (65) ½-½ Akopian,V-Eljanov,P/Moscow RUS 2002/ (65);
B1b32) 8.Na3 Nd4 9.c4 Qa5 10.d3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Bb7 12.Nc2 Qd2 13.Rac1 Bd6 14.Bxg7 Rg8 15.Bb2 Qh6 16.g3 f5⩱ ½-½ Azmaiparashvili,Z-Almasi,Z/Dos Hermanas 2001/ (26) ½-½ Azmaiparashvili,Z-Almasi,Z/Dos Hermanas 2001/ (26);
B1b4) 7...d6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Nxd4
B1b41) 9...Qf6?! 10.Na3 *(10.c4±)* 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Qg6 12.Nc4! Qxe4 13.Re1↑ Georgiev-Andrianov/Athen/1991;
B1b42) 9...Bd7 10.c4 Be7 11.Nxc6 *(11.Nc3 0-0 12.Qd2±)* 11...Bxc6 12.Bxg7 Rg8 13.Bd4 Bxe4 14.f3±;
B2) 5.Re1 a6 *(or 5...Nd4)*
B2a) 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 d6 *(8...Qc7 9.Nc3 Bd6 10.Nd5 exd5 11.exd5+ Ne5 12.f4 0-0 13.fxe5 Bxe5 14.Nf3 d6 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.d6!↑* 0-1 Pasman,M-Gershon,A/ISR 2002/The Week in Chess 391 (33)*)* 9.Nc3 -⟶4.♘c3 -⟶4.♘c3;
B2b) 6.Bf1 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.d4 *(8.Nc3 Nf6 9.d3 Be7=)* 8...Be7 9.dxc5 0-0 10.c4 Nf6 11.Nc3 Bxc5 12.Bg5∞ Hort-Timman/Wijk aan Zee/1979;
B3) 5.c3
B3a) 5...Qb6 6.Na3 Ng6 7.Re1 Be7 8.Bf1 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.d4 0-0 11.Nc2 c4 12.Ne3 Be6 13.g3 Qd8∞ Sepp,O-Svidler,P/Rostov op 1993/0-1 (66) Sepp,O-Svidler,P/Rostov op 1993/0-1 (66);
B3b) 5...a6 6.Ba4
B3b1) 6...c4 Rabinovich,Al: 'After a few months/years that 6...b5 was a popular guest in high level tournaments,now 6...c4 comes may be to take his place?!' Rabinovich,Al: 'After a few months/years that 6...b5 was a popular guest in high level tournaments,now 6...c4 comes may be to take his place?!'
B3b11) 7.Qe2 b5 8.Bc2 Ng6 9.b3
B3b111) 9...Bc5!? 10.e5 d5 11.d4 cxd3 12.Bxd3 0-0 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Ba3 b4 White tries to swap the

dark squared ♗ thus leaving black with the bad ♗ on 'c8' and a bunch of weaknesses. However, black decides to keep his pair of ♗'s as in this case it will be easier for him to create counterplay White tries to swap the dark squared ♗ thus leaving black with the bad ♗ on 'c8' and a bunch of weaknesses. However, black decides to keep his pair of ♗'s as in this case it will be easier for him to create counterplay 15.cxb4 Nxb4 16.Bxb4 Bxb4 17.a3 Be7 18.Qe3! Taking the 'b6' square away from black Bd7 19.Nbd2 a5 20.Rfc1 Qb8 Black wants to exchange the ♖'s on the 'c' file , thus weakenning white's ♔ and ♕ side Black wants to exchange the ♖'s on the 'c' file , thus weakenning white's ♔ and ♕ side *(20...Rc8? 21.Qa7)* 21.Nd4 Rc8 *(21...Qb6!?=)* 22.Rxc8+ Qxc8 23.N2f3 Qa6 24.a4 Rc8 25.h4 Black will have the upper hand on the ♕ side, therefore white is trying to create weaknesses around black's ♔. Black will have the upper hand on the ♕ side, therefore white is trying to create weaknesses around black's ♔. h6 26.Rd1 Rc5! Preparing the path for the ♕ to came back to protecting the ♔ Preparing the path for the ♕ to came back to protecting the ♔ 27.Kh2 Qc8 28.Qf4 Qf8 *(28...Rc3 29.Qg4 Qe8=)* 29.Qg3 ½-½ Zhang Zhong-Khalifman,A/Shanghai 2001/ (47) ½-½ Zhang Zhong-Khalifman,A/Shanghai 2001/ (47);

B3b112) 9...Qc7 10.bxc4 Nf4 11.Qe3 bxc4 12.Ba3 Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Na3 0-0 15.Rab1 f5 16.Qb6 Qxb6 17.Rxb6 fxe4 18.Bxe4 d5 19.Bc2 Neg6 20.Bxg6 Nxg6 21.Nc2 e5 22.Ne3 Bf5 23.Nxf5 Rxf5 24.Rfb1 Raf8 25.Rxa6 e4 26.Nd4 Rxf2 27.Ne6 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Kasparov,G/Izmir 2004/ (57);

B3b12) 7.Bc2 another possibility is: Ng6

B3b121) 8.Qe2 b5 9.b3 Bc5!?

B3b1211) 10.e5 d5

B3b12111) 11.d4

cxd3 12.Bxd3
B3b121111)
12...0-0
B3b1211111)
13.Bxg6 fxg6
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16.Rc1 *(16.Bxb4 Bxb4 17.a3 Be7 18.Nbd2 Qb6)*
16...Qb6;
B3b1211112)
13.Rd1 Qc7
14.Bxg6 fxg6=;
B3b121112)
12...d4!? 13.Be4
Bb7 14.b4
(14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Bxc6+ Qxc6 16.cxd4 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 Qxc1+ 18.Rd1 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Rc8∓)
14...Bb6 15.a4 d3
16.Bxd3 Ngxe5
17.Nxe5 Nxe5
18.Qxe5 Qxd3
19.axb5
(of course not: 19.Qxg7? 0-0-0-+ blacks attack is way too strong)
19...0-0⩱;
B3b12112)
11.exd6 cxb3
12.axb3 Bxd6=;
B3b1212) 10.bxc4
Nf4 11.Qd1 bxc4
12.Ba3 Qe7
13.Bxc5 Qxc5∓;
B3b122) 8.b3!? b5
(8...d5 9.exd5 Qxd5 10.Re1 cxb3 11.axb3 Bd6 12.d4 0-0 13.Nbd2± 1-0 Baklan, V-Loebler,H/Graz 1997/ (40) *)* 9.a4 *(9.Qe2 Qc7 10.bxc4 Nf4 11.Qe3 bxc4 12.Ba3 Be7 13.Bxe7 Nxe7 14.Na3 0-0 15.Rfe1 Nfg6 16.h4↑* 1-0 Vaulin,A-Moroz,A/ Pardubice 1992/EXT 2000 (29) *)* 9...Bb7
10.Na3 cxb3 11.Bxb3
Na5 12.d3 Bc6
13.axb5 axb5 14.Nd4⩲
1-0 Burnett,R-Sokolin, L/New York/1999/ (40);
B3b123) 8.d4

Rabinovich,Al: 'Statistics prove that it's better for white to avoid this move for a while and try to attack c4 square from the flank!' Rabinovich,Al: 'Statistics prove that it's better for white to avoid this move for a while and try to attack c4 square from the flank!' 8...cxd3

B3b1231)

9.Qxd3?!N Qc7 10.a4 Be7= It seems like black easily equalized. It seems like black easily equalized. 11.Na3 Rb8! To be ready to play b5 in case of Nc4. To be ready to play b5 in case of Nc4. 12.Be3 0-0 13.Rfd1 *(13.Nc4 b5 14.axb5 axb5 15.Ncd2= ± ±)* 13...Rd8 14.b4 b6 *(14...d5!? 15.exd5 Rxd5 16.Qe2 Nce5)* 15.Bb3 Bb7 16.Qe2 White has no real plan and he just prepares against black possible break in the center. White has no real plan and he just prepares against black possible break in the center. Nce5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Rac1

B3b12311)

18...Bxe4!?

B3b123111)

19.Bd4 d5 20.f3 Nd3 21.fxe4 *(21.Rxd3 Bxd3 22.Qxd3 Bxb4 23.Nc2 Bd6∓)* 21...Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxb4 23.Nc2 dxe4? *(23...Bd6 24.e5 Bc5 25.Rf1 Rbc8⇄)* 24.Nxb4 Rxd4 25.Nxa6+-;

B3b123112)

19.Bxb6 Rxb6 20.Qxe4 d5 Black is better. Black is better.;

B3b123113)

19.Bf4 d5□ 20.f3 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 *(21.Qxf3? e5-+)* 21...Qxf4 22.fxe4 dxe4 And black should be better here! And black should be better here!;

B3b12312)

18...Ng6

Black decides not enter tactics and enjoys his flexible setup. Black decides not enter tactics and enjoys his flexible setup.

B3b123121)

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B3b1231211) 19...b5 20.axb5 axb5 21.Bb6 *(21.Nd2)*;
B3b1231212) 19...Bxe4 20.Bxb6 Rxb6 21.Nxb6;
B3b123122) 19.f3 d5! The best time, after white weakened dark squares on Kside. The best time,after white weakened dark squares on Kside. 20.exd5 exd5 21.Qf2 Ba8∓;
B3b1232) 9.Bxd3 Qc7 10.Be3 Nce5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Be2 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Nd2 f6 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.Qd4 0-0 17.Rfd1 b6 18.a4 Nf7 19.a5± 1-0 Brodsky,M-Krnic, Z/Wijk aan Zee NED 2001/ (39);

B3b13) 7.d4 cxd3 8.Qxd3 Ng6 *(8...b5 9.Bc2 Ng6 10.a4 b4 11.c4 Qc7 12.b3 f6 13.Be3 Bd6 14.Rd1 Be7 15.Nd4 Nge5 16.Qe2 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Nc6 18.Be3± 1-0 Soderberg,P-Krnic,Z/Amsterdam 2000/ CBM 77 ext (37))* 9.Nd4 *(9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.c4 Be7 11.Nc3 Qc7 12.Be3 c5 13.Rad1 0-0 14.Rd2 f6 15.Rfd1 Rf7 16.Qc2 Bf8= ½-½ Short,N-Shabalov,A/Elista 1998/ (42) ½-½ Short,N-Shabalov,A/Elista 1998/ (42))* 9...Qc7 10.f4 Bc5 11.Kh1 0-0 12.f5 Nge5∞ Psahis-Rhode/New York/ 1992;

B3b2) 6...d5

B3b21) 7.e5?! allowing black to get a very pleasant game d4 8.cxd4 b5 9.Bc2 Nxd4 10.Be4 Rb8 game 11.d3 *(11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Re1 Bb7 13.Bxb7 Rxb7 14.Nc3 Nc6∓)* 11...Bb7 12.Nc3 Nec6

B3b211) ⌓13.Nxd4 Nxd4 *(13...Qxd4 14.Ne2 Qd7 15.f4=)* 14.Be3;
B3b212) 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Nxd4 Nxd4? *(⌓14...cxd4 15.Ne2 0-0)* 15.Qg4 g6 16.Bh6 *(16.Bxb7 Rxb7 17.Ne4 h5 18.Qd1 0-0∓)* 16...Nf5 *(16...Qc7!?)* 17.Bxf5! *(17.Qh3 Nxh6 18.Qxh6 Bf8 19.Qe3 Be7=)* 17...exf5 18.Qh3 Bc8 *(18...Rg8 19.Rfe1↑)* 19.Bg7 f4 20.Qf3 Rg8 21.Bf6 Bxf6 22.exf6 Qxf6

B3b2121) ≤23.Rfe1+ Kf8 24.Ne4 Qe5 25.Rac1 Bb7

26.Nxc5? *(26.Rxc5 Qxc5 27.Qxf4 Re8 28.Rc1 Qd4 29.Qh6+ Rg7-+)* 26...Qxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Bxf3 28.Nd7+ Kg7 29.Nxb8 Rxb8 30.gxf3 Rd8∓;

B3b2122) 23.Ne4 Qe5 24.Rac1 Bb7 25.Rxc5 Qxc5 26.Qxf4 Qa7□ 0-1 Degraeve,J-Vaisser,A/Marseille 2001/ (46);

B3b22) 7.exd5

B3b221) 7...Qxd5 8.d4

B3b2211) 8...c4?! 9.Re1 Bd7 *(9...Ng6)* 10.b3 0-0-0 11.bxc4 Qxc4 12.Bb3 Qb5 13.Nbd2 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qa5 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Be3 Na5 17.Nxa5 Qxa5 18.Qc2 Bd6 19.c4 Kb8 20.c5 Be7 21.d5± 1-0 Brodsky,M-Dybowski,J/Polanica Zdroj 1999/ (31);

B3b2212) 8...cxd4 9.cxd4

B3b22121) 9...b5 10.Nc3 Qd7 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Re1 *(12.d5!? exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Qxd5±)* 12...Na5 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Bf4 Nxb3 15.Qxb3± Glek,I-Mikhaletz,L/FSGM Feb,Budapest HUN 1998 1-0 (20) Glek,I-Mikhaletz,L/FSGM Feb,Budapest HUN 1998 1-0 (20) Qb6 16.Nc4+-;

B3b22122) 9...Qd8 10.Nc3 Nd5 11.Ne5 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Bd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.c4?! 0-0-0 15.Qf3 Qc7∞ ½-½ Naiditsch,A-Mikhaletz,L/Budapest 1998/CBM 63 ext (39) ½-½ Naiditsch,A-Mikhaletz,L/Budapest 1998/CBM 63 ext (39);

B3b222) 7...exd5 8.d4 '↑' Gofshtein,L. '&' Gofshtein,L. c4 1-0 Adams,M-Hennigan,M/Birmingham 2001/CBM 84 ext (17) 9.Re1 h6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.b3 cxb3 12.axb3 Be6 13.Ne5 Qb6 14.Nd2 g6 15.Ba3 Bg7 16.Qe2 Qb7 17.Nxf7 1-0 Adams,M-Hennigan,M/Birmingham 2001/ (17);

B3b3) 6...b5 Gofshtein,L: 'Prematurely opening up the

game by means of b5 since White has forcetalled Black in developement.' 7.Bc2

B3b31) 7...d5 8.e5 *(8.d4 cxd4 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd4 Bb7 11.a4 b4 12.a5 Bd6 13.Qg4 Nf6* 1-0 Benko,P-Stenborg,A/ Dublin 1957/MCD (33)*)* 8...d4 *(8...c4!?)*

B3b311) 9.cxd4 cxd4 *(9...Nxd4 10.Be4 Rb8* game *)*;

B3b312) 9.Be4

B3b3121) 9...Bb7 10.cxd4 *(10.d3 Ng6 11.Re1 Be7 12.cxd4 cxd4 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Nb3 Rb8 15.Bd2±* Torre-Fedorowicz/ San Francisco/ 1991 *)* 10...cxd4 11.d3 Qb6 12.Re1 Rc8 13.a3 h6 14.h4 g6 15.Bf4 Bg7 16.Nbd2 0-0 17.Nf1 Rfe8 *(17...Rfd8 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.N1h2 Nd5?! 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.Ng4 h5 22.Nf6+±)* 18.N1h2 Kh8 19.Ng4 Ng8 20.Ng5! Rf8 *(20...hxg5 21.hxg5 Nge7 22.Nf6 Nf5 23.Qg4+-)* 21.h5

B3b31211) 21...hxg5 22.Bxg5 f5 23.exf6 Bxf6 *(23...Nxf6 24.h6+-)* 24.Qd2→;

B3b31212) 21...Qd8? 22.hxg6 hxg5 23.Qf3! Bh6 24.Nxh6 fxg6 *(24...Nxh6 25.Qh5 Kg7 26.Bxg5+-)* 25.Qh3 Kg7 26.Nxg8 Rxf4 27.Nf6 Rh4 28.Qxe6 Na5 29.Rac1 Rc7 1-0 Morozevich,A-Polgar,J/ Amsterdam 1995/ (29);

B3b3122) 9...Nd5 10.a4∞ Rb8 11.axb5 axb5 12.Qc2 h6?! *(⌓12...g6)* 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.d3± Polgar,J-Polgar,Zs/New York/ 1992;

B3b32) 7...Ng6?! 8.d4 d6 9.a4 b4 10.dxc5 dxc5 11.Qxd8+ Nxd8 12.a5 Bd6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nbd2 Bb7 15.Nc4 Be7 16.Nb6 bxc3 17.bxc3 Ra7 18.Rfd1± 1-0 Benjamin,J-Jerosch, G/Deizisau 1999/ (35);

B3b33) 7...e5? 8.a4 Rb8 9.axb5 axb5 10.d4 With a very energetic play white is able to achieve a big advantage. With a very energetic play white is able to achieve a big advantage.

d6 11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.Rd1+ Ke8 14.Be3 Ng6 15.Nbd2 f6 16.Nb3 c4 17.Na5 Nd8 18.b3 Be6 19.bxc4 bxc4 20.Nd2+- 1-0 Arkhipov,S-Molnar,B/Paks 1997/EXT 2001 (25);

B3b34) 7...d6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Ng6 10.Nc3 Be7 11.d5 Nce5 12.Nd4 Bd7 13.a4 b4 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Nce2 Nf7 16.Bb3 e5 17.Nf5 0-0 18.Neg3 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 Kh8 20.Qg4 Bf6 21.Rd1± 1-0 Kuzmin,G-Zimmermann,P/Bern 1995/EXT 2000 (40);

B3b35) 7...g6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Bg7 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Qd2± Ryan,J-Gillen,A/Plymouth 1992/CBM 30 ext Ryan,J-Gillen,A/Plymouth 1992/CBM 30 ext;

B3b36) 7...c4

B3b361) 8.d4 cxd3 9.Qxd3 *(9.Bxd3 Qc7 10.Be3 Bb7 11.Na3 d5⇄* Fritsch,A-David,R/Germany 1995/GER*))* 9...Ng6 10.Rd1 *(10.Nd4 Bb7 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.N2f3 Be7 13.Nxc6 dxc6 14.Bg5 Rd8 15.Qe3 Bxg5 16.Qxg5±* Peelen,P-Berendsen,R/Breda 1998/ *)* 10...Be7 11.Nbd2 *(11.b4!? d6 12.a4 bxa4 13.Bxa4 Bb7 14.Nd4 Qc8 15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Bxc6+ Qxc6 17.b5 axb5 18.Rxa8+ Qxa8 19.Qxb5+ Kf8 20.Ba3±* ½-½ Varavin,V-Bocharov,D/Samara 2000/ (43) ½-½ Varavin,V-Bocharov,D/Samara 2000/ (43)*)* 11...Qc7 12.a4 Rb8 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nb3 e5 15.Nfd2?? A horrible blunder! After this white's position is critical. White ♘ was going to d5 via f1 and e3... unfortunately it wasn't about to happen. A horrible blunder! After this white's position is critical. White ♘ was going to d5 via f1 and e3... unfortunately it wasn't about to happen. *(15.Be3±)* 15...Nb4! 16.cxb4 Nf4 17.Qe3 *(17.Qc3 Ne2+)* 17...Qxc2 18.Rf1 White's light pieces almost have no moves. White's light pieces almost have no moves. Nd3 19.Ra3 *(19.Qg3 0-0 20.Nd4 Nxc1! 21.Nxc2 Ne2+ 22.Kh1 Nxg3+ 23.hxg3 Bb7∓)* 19...Nxb4 20.Na1

Qc6-+ 21.Qg3 *(21.Rc3 Qg6)* 21...Qg6 22.Qe3 *(22.Qxe5 Nc6)* 22...Nc6 23.Rd3 0-0 24.Nc2 Even if white had a ♙ on 'c3' he would still be worse, now he's doomed. Even if white had a ♙ on 'c3' he would still be worse, now he's doomed. d6 25.Qe2 f5 26.Rg3 Qe8 27.Rb3 b4 28.f4 Be6 0-1 Movsesian,S-Kishnev,S/Germany 2001/ (38);

B3b362) 8.Qe2 g6 9.a4 Bb7 10.Na3 Bg7 11.d4 cxd3 12.Bxd3 b4∞ Ennenbach,R-Esser,N/Goch 1994/ EXT 98 Ennenbach,R-Esser,N/Goch 1994/ EXT 98;

B3b363) 8.b3!? Ng6 9.bxc4!? As shows the following game this continuation is pretty dangerous for black. *(9.a4 Bb7 10.Na3 cxb3 11.Bxb3 b4 12.Nc4 Na5 13.Nxa5 Qxa5∞* Plachetka,J-Oral,T/CZE 1998/EXT 99 Plachetka,J-Oral,T/ CZE 1998/EXT 99*)* 9...bxc4 10.Qe2 Na5 11.d4 cxd3 12.Bxd3 Qc7 13.Be3!? Nf4 *(13...Bb7!? 14.Nbd2 Be7 15.Rab1 Nc6∞)* 14.Bxf4 Qxf4 15.Nbd2 Be7 16.Rab1 0-0?! Black queen feels unsafe on the kingside, that's why deserved attention *(16...Qc7!? 17.e5 Bb7 18.Ne4±)* 17.e5! Bb7 18.Nd4!

B3b3631) 18...d6? 19.Nc4! Nxc4 20.Rxb7+-;

B3b3632) 18...f6?! 19.exf6 Rxf6 *(19...Bxf6 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qxa5 Qxd2 22.Rfd1 Qf4 23.Rxb7 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Qxf2+ 25.Kh1+-)* 20.Nc4 Nxc4 *(20...Rh6 21.g3! Rxh2 22.Rxb7!+-)* 21.Rxb7±;

B3b3633) 18...Ra7 19.g3 Qh6 20.Be4!? Rc8 *(20...d5!?⇄)* 21.Rb6! Fantastic move! Black has to defend against both Nf5 and B:b7 followed by R:a6. Rxc3? Missing Nf5! *(21...Bc5 22.Bxb7 Nxb7 23.Rxa6±)* 22.Nf5!+- exf5 *(22...Qg5 23.h4+-)* 23.Rxh6 fxe4!? 24.Rb6 e3 25.Rxb7! Rxb7 26.Ne4 Ra3 27.fxe3 Nc6 28.Qc4! Morovic Fernandez,I-

Milos,G/Sao Paulo / 2002/ Sicilian Rossolimo-5.c3 a6 6. Ba4 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath, Ta];

B3c) 5...d5!?

B3c1) 6.e5?! Bd7

B3c11) 7.Ba4 Ng6 *(7...d4!?∞; 7...Nf5 8.Bc2 Be7 9.d4)* 8.d4 f6 9.Re1**±**;

B3c12) 7.Re1?

B3c121) 7...Nxe5 8.Nxe5 Bxb5 9.Qh5

B3c1211) 9...Ng6 10.Nxg6 fxg6 11.Qg4 *(11.Rxe6+ Kf7∓ 12.Qe5 Bd7)* 11...Bd7**∓**;

B3c1212) 9...g6 10.Qf3 Nf5 11.g4 Nd6**∓**;

B3c122) 7...Nf5? 8.Bf1 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.g3 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 *(11...gxf6!? 12.Bg2 Bd6∓)* 12.Na3 g5?! *(12...h6 13.Bg2 Qc7∓)* 13.Bg2 h6 14.Nc2 Qb6?! *(14...Bg7 15.Ne3; 14...Qc7 15.Ne3 Bg7)* 15.Qe2?! *(15.Ne3!? Nxe3 16.Bxe3 Qxb2 17.Bxc5 Bxc3 18.Rb1 Qxa2 19.Re2±)* 15...Rae8 16.Ne3 Bg7 17.Qc2 Nxe3 18.Bxe3 e5 19.h4! *(19.b4?! d4∞)* 19...g4 *(19...d4 20.Bc1 g4 21.Nd2±)* 20.Nd2**±** Be6 *(20...d4? 21.Nc4 dxe3 22.Nxb6 exf2+ 23.Qxf2 Rxf2 24.Nxd7 Rxb2 25.Nxc5±)* 21.b4 d4 22.bxc5

B3c1221) 22...Qxc5 23.Ne4 *(23.Nb3? Qxc3 24.Qxc3 dxc3 25.Nc5 Bc8 26.Rac1 Nd4 27.Rxc3 e4→)* 23...Qe7 24.cxd4**±**;

B3c1222) 22...Qa6 23.cxd4 e4 *(23...exd4 24.Bf4 Nb4 25.Qb1 Nxd3 26.Rxe6 Rxe6 27.Bf1±)* 24.Nxe4 Nxd4 25.Qd2**±** 1-0 Morozevich,A-Sveshnikov,E/Elista 1995/ (39);

B3c2) 6.exd5

B3c21) 6...Nxd5

B3c211) 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 *(8.cxd4!?* with a position similar to the Caro-Kann Panov system, where black has a few extra tempi. with a position similar to the Caro-Kann Panov system, where black has a few extra tempi. *Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Bd3 Rc8 12.Bb1 Re8 13.Ne4 f5 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Bf6⇄* 1-0 Ricardi,P-Felgaer,R/Buenos Aires 2003/ EXT 2004 (58). (57)

1-0 Ricardi,P-Felgaer, R/Buenos Aires 2003/ EXT 2004 (58). (57)*)*
8...Bd7 9.Nxc6 bxc6 *(9...Bxc6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.c4 Nf6 12.Qf3 Qc7 13.Nc3 Be7 14.Bf4 Qb7 15.b3±)* ½-½ Degraeve, J-Milov,V/France 2002/ EXT 2003 (42). (41) ½-½ Degraeve,J-Milov, V/France 2002/EXT 2003 (42). (41)*)*
10.Bd3 Qc7 11.Nd2 Nf4 12.Nc4 *(12.Bc2!?)* 12...Rd8 *(12...Nxd3 13.Qxd3 Be7 14.Qf3±)* 13.Bc2 c5 14.Qg4 Nd5 15.Re1 Nf6 16.Qh4 Be7 17.Bf4± 1-0 Rowson,J-Kuljasevic,D/Pula 2002/ CBM 88 ext (42). (41) 1-0 Rowson,J-Kuljasevic,D/Pula 2002/ CBM 88 ext (42). (41);

B3c212) 7.Ne5 Qc7 8.Qa4 *(8.d4 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.c4 Nb4 12.Na3±)* 8...Bd7 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.d3 Rc8 11.Nd2 a6 12.Bxc6 Qxc6 13.Qg4 Nf6 14.Qe2 Be7∓ ½-½ Vysochin,S-Sherbakov,R/Minsk 1997/ (14) ½-½ Vysochin,S-Sherbakov, R/Minsk 1997/ (14);

B3c213) 7.Bxc6+ bxc6

B3c2131) 8.c4!? Nb4 9.d4 cxd4 10.a3 Na6 11.Nxd4 Bb7 12.b4 c5 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Kxd7 15.Nb5 Be7 *(15...cxb4 16.Rd1+ Kc8 17.axb4 Bxb4 18.Be3↑)* 16.Rd1+ Kc6 17.Be3 Rhd8 18.Nd2 Rd3 19.Nf3 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 f6 21.Kf1 e5 22.Nd2 Bc8 *(22...cxb4 23.Nb3)* 23.Nb3± 1-0 Sveshnikov,E-Fominyh,A/Samara 2000/ (66);

B3c2132) 8.d3 Be7 9.c4 *(9.Na3 0-0 10.Nc4 f6 11.Qe2 e5⇄)* 9...Nb4 10.Qa4 Qc7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.a3 Na6 13.Nc3 e5 *(13...Rb8 14.Rb1 e5 15.Be3)* 14.Be3 f6 15.Nd2 Rb8 16.Nb3 f5 17.f3 obliged,otherwise black can push "f" pawn till f3 obliged, otherwise black can push "f" pawn till f3 Bd6 18.Kh1 Qe7 19.Rf1 *(19.Rd2 Nc7 20.Na5 Bd7)* 19...Nc7⇄ Finally the ♘a6 enters the game and now the white ♘b3

is out of play. Black can be satisfied with the opening results. Finally the ♘a6 enters the game and now the white ♘b3 is out of play. Black can be satisfied with the opening results. 20.f4 Ne6 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Rae1 Qd6 23.Bg1 Nd4∓ ½-½ Smirin,I-Felgaer,R/Moscow 2004/ (58) ½-½ Smirin,I-Felgaer,R/Moscow 2004/ (58);

B3c22) 6...Qxd5 7.Re1 *(7.d4 cxd4 8.c4 Qd6 9.Nxd4 Bd7 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.Nc3 a6 12.Ba4 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Ne5=* 0-1 Timman,J-Sveshnikov,E/Wijk aan Zee 1981/ (60)*; 7.Na3 Ng6 8.Re1 Be7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Bc4 Qd7 12.Nac2 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qc7 14.Bb3* with a typical for the French Tarrasch position, with the only difference - the black knight is placed on g6 instead of f6 and the king is castled kingside. White has a litlle edge, but there are no visible weaknesses in black's position. with a typical for the French Tarrasch position, with the only difference - the black knight is placed on g6 instead of f6 and the king is castled kingside. White has a litlle edge, but there are no visible weaknesses in black's position. *a6 15.Qf3 Bf6 16.Be3 Bd7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Bc2±* ½-½ Zarnicki,P-Felgaer,R/Villa Martelli 2002/ (39) ½-½ Zarnicki,P-Felgaer,R/Villa Martelli 2002/ (39) *)*

B3c221) 7...g6? 8.d4 Bg7 *(8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bg7 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qxd5+-)* 9.c4 Qd8 10.d5**±**;

B3c222) 7...Bd7 8.Na3 Ng6

B3c2221) 9.Bc4 Qh5 10.d4 cxd4 *(10...Be7 11.Be2 Qf5 12.dxc5 Rd8 13.b4 0-0 14.Nc4 Bc8 15.Qb3 Nf4 16.Bxf4 Qxf4 17.Rad1±* 1-0 Smirnov,P-Frolyanov,D/Samara 2002/ (34)*)* 11.Nb5 Rc8 *(11...0-0-0!? 12.cxd4 a6 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.Ne4 Bc7 15.Ng3 Qa5 16.a3 Be8 17.Bg5↑* Ulibin,M-Makarov,M/RUS-ch m1-2 1997 (18)1/2 Ulibin,M-Makarov,M/RUS-ch m1-2 1997 (18)1/2*)* 12.Be2

B3c22211)

12...dxc3!? 13.bxc3 *(13.Ng5 cxb2-+)* 13...Qf5□

B3c222111)

14.Ng5 Nf4! 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Nxe2+ 17.Rxe2 Rd8∓;

B3c222112)

14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.Qxd6 Nge7 16.Ba3 Qa5 17.Nd4!?⩲ *(17.Rad1 Qc7∓)*;

B3c222113)

14.Be3 a6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Qd5 17.Qa3 Qa5∓;

B3c222114)

14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Be2=;

B3c22212)

12...Qd5?! 13.Nfxd4

B3c222121)

After correct After correct 13...Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qa5 15.a4 Be7 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qb8 18.Be3 a6 19.Nd4 0-0 white stands only slightly better white stands only slightly better *(19...Bd6!? 20.g3 0-0 21.Qb3±)* 20.Nf5± 1 Ulibin,M-Krasenkow,M/ Polish TV k.o. 1997 (44) Ulibin,M-Krasenkow,M/ Polish TV k.o. 1997 (44) 0:1;

B3c222122)

13...a6?!

After this move black finds himself in the troubles After this move black finds himself in the troubles 14.Bf3 Qc5 15.Be3 Nce5? But after this-third in the row mistake blacks position becomes hopeless But after this-third in the row mistake blacks position becomes hopeless *(15...Nxd4□ 16.Nxd4 Qc7 17.Nf5! e5 18.Be4±)* 16.Bxb7 axb5 17.Nxe6!+- fxe6 *(Doesn't help Doesn't help 17...Qc4 18.Nxf8 Kxf8 19.Bxc8 Qxc8 20.Qd6+ Kg8 21.Rad1+-)* 18.Bxc5 Rxc5 Black has almost enough equvivalent for the queen-3 minor pieses,but discoordination between his pieses and unsafed king makes his position completly lost. Black has almost

enough equvivalent for the queen-3 minor pieses,but discoordination between his pieses and unsafed king makes his position completly lost. 19.Be4 Be7 20.Qd4 Rf8 21.Rad1 Bc8 22.b4 Rc4 23.Qb6 Kf7 24.Qxb5 Rxc3 25.Rc1 Rest of the game is easy job for white Rest of the game is easy job for white Rxc1 26.Rxc1 Bd7 27.Bxg6+ Kf6 28.Qb7 hxg6 *(28...Kxg6 29.Re1+-)* 29.f4 Nd3 30.Rc7 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Shabalov,A/Elista 1998/ (30);

B3c2222) 9.Bf1 Be7 10.d4 *(10.Nb5 Rc8 11.c4 Qh5 12.h3 a6 13.g4 Qh6 14.d4)* 10...cxd4 11.Nb5

B3c22221)

11...Rc8 12.Nfxd4 *(12.c4 Qc5 13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qc7 15.Qb3 a6 16.Be3 0-0 17.Rad1 e5 18.Ne2 b5!↑* Grosar,A-Sveshnikov,E/Bled/1994/0|1/51/) 12...Nxd4 13.Nxd4

B3c222211)

13...Qa5!? 14.g3 0-0 15.Bg2 e5 *(15...Qc7!?)* 16.Nc2 *(16.Nb3!? Qc7 17.h4)* 16...Bc6 17.Bxc6

B3c2222111)

17...Rxc6 18.Ne3 Rd8 *(18...f5 19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Qxb7 Rc7 21.Qd5±)* 19.Qg4 Bf8 20.h4↑;

B3c2222112)

17...bxc6!= Gelfand,B-Sveshnikov,E/EUCup f 1995/0-1 (60) Gelfand,B-Sveshnikov,E/EUCup f 1995/0-1 (60) 18.h4 *(18.Ne3 f5 19.Nc4 Qc7⇄)* 18...Rfe8 19.Qg4± Nf8 20.Ne3 Qc7 21.Nf5 Bf6 22.Be3 *(22.Bg5 Bxg5 23.hxg5 Rcd8∞)* 22...Ne6 23.Nh6+!? *(23.Rad1!? Rcd8 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Rd1±)* 23...Kh8 24.Qf5 Nf8 25.Ng4 Re6 *(25...Bd8 26.h5↑)* 26.Nxf6 Rxf6 27.Qe4 Re6 28.Rad1±;

B3c222212)

13...e5 14.Nb5

Qxd1 15.Rxd1 a6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.Rxd6 Ke7 18.Rd1 Be6 19.Be3 Rhd8 20.Rxd8 Kxd8 21.g3± Nadyrhanov,S-Zakharov,A/St-Peterburg/1994/0,5/30/;

B3c222213)

13...0-0 14.Nf5 Qxf5 15.Qxd7±;

B3c222214)

13...a6 14.g3 b5 15.Bg2 Qc5 16.h4 *(16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qh5 0-0 18.Rad1)* 16...Bf6 17.Be3⟳ Kasparov,G-Salov,V/Euwe mem 1991 (37) 1/2 Qc7 18.Nf5 0-0 19.Nd6 Rcd8 20.Nb7

B3c2222141)

20...Rb8 N/ 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.h5 Ne5

B3c22221411)

23.Ne4!? Be7 *(23...Rd8 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 25.Qc2→)* 24.Bf4±;

B3c22221412)

23.Bd4?!

B3c222214121)

23...Rd8? 24.Rxe5 Rxd4 *(24...Bxe5 25.Bxe5 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1+-)* 25.cxd4 Bxe5 26.dxe5+-;

B3c222214122)

23...Nd7 24.Nxd7 Qxd7 25.Bxf6 Qxd1 26.Raxd1 gxf6 27.h6 *(27.Rd6!? Kg7 28.f4 Kh6 29.Bf3 Bb7 30.Kf2±)* 27...Rb6 28.Rd2 ½-½ Morozevich,A-Fominyh,A/Elista 1995/ (49) ½-½ Morozevich,A-Fominyh,A/Elista 1995/ (49);

B3c2222142)

20...Rc8 21.Nd6 *(21.h5 Ne5 22.Bf4 Bc6 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.Rxe5 Qxb7 26.h6 Qe7±)* 21...Rcd8 22.Nb7 Rc8 23.h5↑ Kasparov,G-Salov,V/Amsterdam/1991/0,5/38/;

B3c22222)

11...0-0-0!?

12.cxd4± e5 13.dxe5 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Bg4 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Be3 Kb8 17.Nfd4 Ngxe5 18.Nxc6+ Nxc6 19.Bf4+ Kc8 20.Rc1± Chekhov,V-Sveshnikov,E/Podolsk/1992/1|0/60/ Sicilian Rossolimo-3.Bb5

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[3...g6

A) 4.0-0 Bg7

A1) 5.c3 Nf6

A1a) 6.d4!? 'White is ready to sacrifice a pawn to get better development.' cxd4 *(6...Nxe4 7.d5 Nd6 8.Na3 Ne5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.Re1 Bf6! 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Bxd6 exd6 13.Bf1⩱* Florian-Balogh/Magyarorszag/ 1977 *)* 7.cxd4 Nxe4 *(7...d5? 8.e5 Ne4 9.Ne1!±)* 8.d5 Nd6 *(8...Nb8 9.Re1 Nd6 10.a4! 0-0 11.Bg5 Re8 12.Nc3* M.Cejtlin-Suradiraja/Pernik/ 1977 *)*

A1a1) 9.Ba4 Nb4 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Re1 b6 12.a3 Na6 13.Bg5⩲ Norri-Muir/Manila/ 1992;

A1a2) 9.Bd3 Nb4 10.Nc3

A1a21) 10...Nxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0 12.Bf4 b5 *(12...Nf5 13.g4 Nh6 14.h3 e5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 d6 17.Qe3±* Berni,G-Genocchio,D/ Paderno del Grappa 2000/ *)* 13.Be5 f6 14.Bf4 b4 15.Na4 Qa5 16.Qb3 Ba6 17.Rfe1 Bc4∓ Feletar,D-Zelenika,S/ Medulin 1997/EXT 2000;

A1a22) 10...0-0 11.Re1 b6

A1a221) 12.Bf4 Bb7 13.Ne5 *(13.Bxd6 exd6 14.Bc4 Rc8 15.Bb3 Rxc3 16.bxc3 Bxc3 17.Nd2 Bxa1 18.Qxa1 f5∓* Kotsur,P-Tzermiadianos,A/Sofia 1994/TD *)* 13...Rc8 14.Bf1 Rc5 15.Nd3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Nc4∓ Boyd,S-Mednis,E/ Cannes 1995/;

A1a222) 12.Bb1!? Intending to come to a2 with the bishop. 12...Bb7

A1a2221) 13.Ne5!? Rc8 *(13...f6 14.Nf3⩲)* 14.a3 Na6 15.Ba2⩲;

A1a2222) 13.Bf4 Another promising possibility was 13...Bxc3! 14.bxc3 Nxd5

A1a22221) 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Qd4 f6 *(16...Nf6 17.Ng5∞)* 17.Qg4↑ white has very strong initiative for 2 pawns.;

A1a22222) 15.Bxd6? Absolutely unjustfied decision! After correct 15...exd6 16.Qd4 Qf6! 17.Be4 Qxd4 18.Nxd4 Bc6!∓ 0-1 Felgaer,R-Pavasovic,D/ Pinamar 2002/ (33) Now white is just 2 pawns down in the endgame!;

A1a3) 9.Na3

A1a31) 9...Ne5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Re1 Nxb5 12.Rxe5 f6 13.Nxb5! fxe5 14.d6± Lutikov-Ermenkov/Albena/1976;

A1a32) 9...a6 10.Ba4 *(10.Bd3 Nb4 11.Nc4 Nxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Bb3 a5 14.a3 Na6 15.Bg5⩱* Etchegaray,P-Garcia Paolicchi,R/Zaragoza 1992/TD*)* 10...b5 11.dxc6 bxa4 12.Bg5 dxc6 13.Re1 f6 14.Qxa4 0-0 15.Bd2 c5∞ Rogers,I-Zilberman,Y/London 1991/TD;

A1a33) 9...Nb4 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Qd2 a5 12.Bxd6 exd6 13.Nc4= Mihaltschischin Sicilian Rossolimo-4.00 ♗g7 5.c3 ♘f6_40405 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta];

A1b) 6.Qa4 Erenburg: 'Creative move. White protects his central e4 pawn, and, at the same time disturbs black to complete the development of the queenside. Postny: 'This awkward move has it's point. White wants to prevent the advance of black's "d" pawn by attacking the ♘c6.'

A1b1) 6...Qb6!? Postny: 'More popular continuation is 6...0-0.' 7.Re1 *(7.e5 Nd5 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 d6 10.Nc3 Be6 11.exd6 exd6 12.Ne4 0-0 13.Bxc6 Qxc6 14.Qxc6 bxc6 15.Nxd6 Nb4=* ½-½ Wells,P-Shaw,J/Scarborough 2001/CBM 83 ext (20) *)* 7...0-0

A1b11) 8.d4 cxd4

A1b111) 9.cxd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nbd2 Bf5 13.Nb3 c5 *(13...a5 14.Nh4 Be6 15.f3 g5 16.fxe4 gxh4 17.Bg5 dxe4 18.Bxe7 Rfe8 19.Bc5± ½-½* Totsky,L-Chuprov,D/Tula 1999/(44) *)* 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Nxc5 Qxc5 16.b3± 1-0 Palac,M-Atakisi,U/Batumi 1999/ (27);

A1b112) 9.e5?! After this move black seems to get easy equality. 9...Nd5N Of course, the knight placed much better on d5, than on e8. *(9...Ne8?! 10.cxd4 Nc7 11.Nc3 Nxb5 12.Qxb5 Qxb5 13.Nxb5± ½-½* Rosito,J-Aparicio,A/Argentina 1991/EXT 98 (83)*)* 10.cxd4 d6 11.Nc3?! *(11.Nbd2=)* 11...Be6 Black's position should be prefered already. His pieces are harmoniously placed, while the white ones on the queenside placed awkwardly. *(11...Nxc3?! 12.bxc3 Bg4 13.Nd2=)* 12.Bd2?! Leaving the

♙ b2 unprotected. *(12.exd6?! exd6 13.Bc4 Nc7!∓; 12.Ne4!?)* 12...Rac8 13.Rac1 a6 14.Bxc6 White is forced to give his opponent the advantage of bishop's pair. Rxc6 15.Qa3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 *(16.Rxc3 Rxc3 17.Bxc3 Bd5* unattractive for white as well. *)* 16...Rfc8 17.exd6 exd6 18.Ng5 Bc4 19.h4? White is seeking for active counterplay, but this move is obviously too much. The weakness of white's kingside will tell very soon... h6 20.Ne4 d5 21.Nc5 Qd8! Emphasizing the main defect of white's careless 19.h4. 22.Nxb7? *(* The least of the evils for white was *22.g3 b6 23.Nb3 Bf8 24.Qb2)* 22...Qxh4 Totsky,L-Yakovich,Y/ RUS-Cup4 1997/ 0-1 (43) Black has now strong attack besides his clear positional pluses.;

A1b12) 8.h3 Rd8 9.Na3 d6 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.e5 Nd5 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 dxe5 15.Nf3 f6∓ Totsky,L-Yakovich,Y/RUS-Cup4 1997/CBM 58/0-1 (43);

A1b2) 6...0-0 7.d4 Erenburg: 'White provides the main idea of his previous move. He sacrifices the e4 pawn, but hopes to get a very strong initiative.' cxd4 8.cxd4 d6 Erenburg: 'Black isn't accpeting the challenge, but offers the pawn sacrifice by himself. He hopes to get a sufficient compensation, thanks to white's passive pieces on the queenside. Black tried also' *(8...d5* 1-0 Totsky,L-Lopushnoy,D/ St Petersburg 1997/ (60) *9.e5 Nd7 10.Bxc6 Nb6 11.Qa5 bxc6 12.b3; 8...Nxe4?! 9.d5 Nc5 10.Qa3!*↑ /± Totsky,L-Grebenkin/Rus-Cup5 1997; EXP 57 (22) *Qb6 11.Nc3 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rad1*↑ 1-0 Totsky,L-Wirig,A/Pardubice 2003/ (52) *)*

A1b21) 9.Bxc6 White chooses the most principal continuation. He has the following possibilities as well: bxc6 10.Qxc6 Bg4 11.Nbd2 *(11.Nc3 Qa5!)*

A1b211) 11...Rc8 12.Qa4 Qb6 13.Re1 Qb7 14.Qb3 *(14.d5!?; 14.e5!?)* 14...Qxb3 15.Nxb3 *(15.axb3 Rc7=)* 15...Rc2 16.h3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Rfc8▫

0-1 Alekseev,E-Ramirez,A/Open, Santo Domingo/2003 (67);

A1b212) 11...Qc8N New move. In the fresh game black continued 12.Qxc8 *(12.Qa4* seems dubious, in view of *Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qh3⩱)* 12...Rfxc8 13.Re1 Bh6 Black puts some pressure on the white pieces. It's not so clear how can black use his development advantage in other way: *(13...Rc2 14.Nf1 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Rac8 16.Ne3 R2c7 17.Bd2±; 13...Rab8 14.b3)* 14.Nc4! This move solves all white's problems with the development. *(14.e5 Nd5; 14.Nb3 Bxc1 15.Raxc1 Rxc1 16.Nxc1 Rc8⩱)* 14...Bxc1 *(14...Rxc4 15.Bxh6 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Rxd4 17.Rac1±; 14...Bg7 15.Nfd2±)* 15.Raxc1 d5 Other moves lead to white's slight edge as well: *(15...Nxe4 16.Rxe4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 d5 18.Rxe7 Rxc4 19.Rxc4 dxc4 20.Rc7±; 15...Bxf3 16.gxf3 d5* -the game. *)*

A1b2121) 16.Nce5 Bxf3 *(16...dxe4 17.Ng5)* 17.gxf3 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 dxe4 19.Rc7 Kf8 20.fxe4 Nxe4 21.Nc6± he has a pleasant prospects.;

A1b2122) 16.exd5? Quite serious mistake. White throws away his advantage, while after 16...Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nxd5⩱ Black has some compensation, thanks to a better pawn structure and to very strong knight on d5. 18.Na5 Kg7 *(18...e6!?)* 19.Kf1 Nf4 Black starts to play agressive. Probably, Boris wanted to get more than a draw. He could equalize easily with *(19...e6 20.Nc6 a5=)* 20.Red1 *(20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rxe7 Rc2⩱)* 20...Rd8?! I think, black shouldn't give up on "c" file. He doesn't hurry to play e7-e6, as he wants to keep the option of transfer the rook to h6 via 6-th rank. *(20...Rab8 21.b3 e6)* 21.b4 Rd6 *(21...Rd7*

22.Nc6 Rc8 23.b5) 22.Nc6 Rc8! *(22...e6 23.b5)* 23.Nxa7 *(23.b5 Rc7!)*

A1b21221) 23...Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rxd4 25.Rb1 Rd2 26.b5 Nh3 27.Kg2! Nf4+ *(27...Nxf2 28.b6)* 28.Kh1+-;

A1b21222) 23...Ra8 Black is going to eliminate one of the white's pawns on the queenside, thus, improving his chances for a draw. 24.Nc8 *(24.Rc7 Nd5 25.Rb7 Ra6=; 24.Nb5 Rb6 25.Rc5 Ne6=)* 24...Rda6 25.a4! *(25.Nxe7? Rxa2)* 25...Nd5! ½-½ Svidler,P-Gelfand,B/Rethymnon 2003/ (30) covering the b6 square and attacking the b4 pawn. *(25...Rxa4 26.Nb6)*;

A1b22) 9.d5 Nb8 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Be3 a6 12.Be2 Ng4 13.Bd2 *(13.Bd4!?)* 13...Nge5 14.Ne1 Nc5 15.Qc2 f5= ½-½ Totsky,L-Mochalov,E/Spasskoe 1996/ (48);

A1b23) 9.Nc3 Bd7 *(9...Bg4 10.d5 Nb8 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.Be3 a6 13.Qb4 Qb8 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3± ½-½* Potkin,V-Gagarin,V/Moscow 2000/ (43) *)* 10.d5 Nb8 11.Be3 a6 12.Bxd7 Nbxd7 13.Qb3 Qa5 14.Bd4 b5 15.Rfe1 Rfc8 16.a3 Rab8 17.Na2 Nc5 18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.e5 Nd7 20.e6 fxe6 21.Ng5 Nf8 0-1 Morozevich,A-Anand,V/Frankfurt 2000/ (34);

A1c) 6.Qe2 Avrukh,B: 'A fashionabe line that seems to cause Black no problems.' 0-0 7.d4 d5 8.e5 Ne4 9.Be3

A1c1) 9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Bd7 11.Nc3N The new try to fight for advantage . *(11.Bd3 Rc8 12.Nbd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Qa5 14.a3 Qxd2 15.Nxd2 f6= ½-½* Svidler,P-Leko,P/Monte Carlo MNC 2004/ (24) *)* 11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 Na5! Obviously Black doesn't face any problems after White's novelty, he has a very easy play against white weakened pawns on the queenside. 13.Bd3 Surely the exchange of the light-squared bishops would be clearly in black's favour. Rc8 14.Rac1 Nc4 15.Bf4 Rc6!?

A1c11) 16.Nd2 Nxd2 *(16...Nb2!? 17.Bb5 Rb6 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.c4=)* 17.Qxd2 Be6 *(17...Qa5 18.c4)* 18.Rb1 b6=;

A1c12) 16.Rb1 Qc8
A1c121) ⌓17.Rfc1 Bf5 18.Nd2=;
A1c122) ⌓17.Rb5!? a6 *(17...Nb6 18.Ra5∞)* 18.Rxd5 Be6 19.Rc5 Rxc5 20.dxc5 Qxc5 21.Re1=;
A1c123) 17.Bg5? No wonder, that Peter tries somehow to complicate the game, but his last move is too much, since after obvious answer Black gets a clearly better game. 17...f6
A1c1231) Objectively better was : ⌓18.exf6 exf6 19.Bc1 but after Re8 20.Qd1 Rce6 Black keeps a clear positional advantage. *(20...Nd6!?)*;
A1c1232) 18.Bc1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 *(19.dxe5? Bg4!∓)* 19...Nxe5 20.dxe5 Rxc3 21.Bg5? *(⌓21.Bb2 would be much better Rc6 22.Bd4 b6 23.Qe3* and White keeps some compensation.*)* 21...Bf5!∓ ½-½ Svidler,P-Shirov,A/Leon 2004/(29);

A1c2) 9...Bd7 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.dxc5 Qb8 12.Re1 Re8 13.Bd4 Bg4 14.Nbd2 Qxb2 15.Nxe4 Qxe2 16.Rxe2 dxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.Ree1 Reb8 19.a4 Rb2 20.Be3 Bd5 21.Nd4 Rc8 22.Bc1 Rb7 23.Bf4 e6 24.Rac1 Bf8 25.Be3 Bxc5 26.c4 Be4 27.Nxe6 Bxe3 28.Rxe3 fxe6 29.Rxe4 Rb4 30.g3 Rxa4 31.Rd1 1-0 Svidler,P-Ivanchuk,V/Monaco 2004/(59);

A1d) 6.Re1 0-0 7.d4
A1d1) 7...d5!? Yakovich: 'It's important moment. After 7...cd 8.cd d5 9.e5 ♘e4 white will have point c3 for their knight. And 10. ♘c3 lead to a small advantage for white. '
A1d11) 8.e5 Ne4
A1d111) Another possibility is 9.Nbd2 cxd4 *(9...Qb6!? 10.Bxc6 Qxc6 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.Nb3 Bg4∞)* 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Bxc6 Qxc6 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ng5 Rd8;
A1d112) 9.h3 Qb6
A1d1121) 10.Bxc6 Qxc6 *(10...bxc6 11.Nbd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qxb2∓* Jozsa-Meszaros/Hungary/1995*)* 11.Bf4 b6∓;
A1d1122) 10.Ba4

Bf5 *(10...Be6!? Δ f6)* 11.Na3 *(⌓11.Re2= Δ ♗ e3, ♘ bd2)* 11...cxd4 12.cxd4 f6! 13.Bb3 Rad8 *(13...e6 14.Be3!∞)* 14.exf6 *(14.g4? Be6 15.Rxe4 dxe4 16.Bxe6+ Kh8∓)* 14...exf6∓ Rozentalis,E-Kramnik,V/BL9394 1994/;

A1d113) 9.Ng5 Bf5 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Be3 Qb6 12.Qa4 Rfd8 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Nd2 Qxb2 15.Rab1 Qxc3 16.Rec1 Qd3 17.Rxc5 Rab8 18.Rbc1∞ 0-1 Zavgorodniy,S-Guseinov,K/Moscow 2002/ (49);

A1d114) 9.Bxc6 Erenburg: 'White has tried the following continuations:' 9...bxc6 10.Nbd2

A1d1141) 10...Bf5 11.Nh4 e6 12.Nxf5 exf5 13.Nf1 Rb8

A1d11411) 14.Be3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rxb2

A1d114111) 16.f3 Nc3 17.Qd3 *(17.Qc1? Ne2+!)* 17...Na4;

A1d114112) 16.Qc1 seems to fall short after 16...Rb4! 17.f3 Rc4 18.Qb2 Ng5;

A1d11412) 14.Re2!?;

A1d11413) 14.f3 After much thought.

A1d114131) 14...cxd4 15.fxe4 dxc3 16.bxc3 fxe4 *(16...Bxe5* also occupied me for some time, but I think this should be good for me if I play *17.Bh6! Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Rfe8 19.exd5 Bxc3 20.Rxe8+ Rxe8 21.Rb1)* 17.Bf4 and I suspect this should be a bit better for White - while he regains the e-pawn I can get some sort of initiative with ♕d4 and ♘ e3 and maybe c3-c4.;

A1d114132) 14...Ng5 Played within 30 seconds. 15.dxc5 Now I can probably hold on to the pawn and claim some advantage Ne6 16.b4

A1d1141321) 16...f4 17.a3!? *(17.Bd2* is roughly equivalent*)* 17...Qc7 18.Qe2

and he would like to further attack my e-pawn by playing a ♖ to the e-file and moving the ♘, but unfortunately that would leave his f-pawn hanging, so this is better for me.;

A1d1141322) 16...Qc7 17.f4 d4 18.Qf3 *(18.Qb3?? Nxc5)* 18...a5 19.a3 dxc3 20.Qxc3 axb4 21.axb4 Qb7 *(21...f6 22.Qc4 Qf7 23.Bb2 fxe5 24.Bxe5 Bxe5 25.fxe5)* 22.Rb1 *(22.Bd2* is the other option. *)* 22...Rfd8 23.Be3 Nc7 24.Bd2 Nb5 *(24...Nd5* when somewhere should be good for my ♕, and I can aim to exchange ♘s with ♘e3. *)* 25.Qb3 ½-½ McShane,L-Shirov,A/Reykjavik 2003/ (44);

A1d1142) 10...cxd4 11.cxd4 c5 Erenburg: 'As black has a pair of bishops, he opens the position, at the same time, trying to improve his pawn structure.' 12.dxc5 *(12.Nxe4?! dxe4 13.Rxe4 Bb7 14.Rh4 cxd4 15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Rxh6 d3∓* 0-1 Hoekstra,M-Shibut,M / Washington 2000/ (50) *)* 12...Nxc5 13.Nb3 Nxb3 Erenburg: 'The best possibility, in my opinion. While black has other ones:' *(13...Ne4 14.Be3 a5 15.Rc1 a4 16.Nbd4 Bd7 17.Re2 Rc8 18.Rec2±* 1-0 Batsanin,D-Eltsov,R / Novokuznetsk 2001/ (34) *)* 14.Qxb3

A1d11421) 14...Bg4 15.Nd4 Qd7 *(15...Qb6 16.Qxb6 axb6 17.b3 Bd7 18.a4 Rfc8 19.Bb2±* 0-1 Neulinger,M-Horvath,P / Finkenstein 1999/ (58)*; 15...Rb8 16.Qg3 Bd7 17.b3 Qa5 18.Bg5 Rfe8 19.Qh4 f6 20.Bh6↑* 1-0 Rozentalis,E-Schoen,W / Groningen 1995/ (47) *)* 16.Qg3 Rab8 17.b3 Rb6 18.Bg5

h6 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Qxg4 Bxe5 21.Nf5 Qe6 22.Nxh6+ Kh7 23.Qh4 Bxa1 24.Ng4+ ½-½ Belkhodja,S-Ikonnikov,V/Paris 1992/ (24);

A1d11422) 14...a5 15.Nd4 Qd7 16.Bd2 e6 17.a4 Ba6 18.Qg3 Rfb8 19.b3 Bf8 20.Rec1± 0-1 Pedzich,D-Oral,T/Loewenstein 1997/ (36);

A1d11423) 14...d4 Black is opening diagonals for his light-squared bishop. Erenburg: 'opening the diagonals a8-h1 and g8-a2 for light-squared bishop, thus, trying to solve the only problem of his position.' 15.Qb4?! *(15.Rd1 Be6 16.Qa3 Qb6* '!' Erenburg. *17.Nxd4 Bxe5 18.Be3 Rfd8 19.Nxe6 Qxe6=* ½-½ Volzhin,A-Motylev,A/Dubai 2002/CBM 87 ext (26)*; 15.Qd3 Bb7* '!' Erenburg. *16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Rfd8 18.Nf3 Rd3 19.Bg5 e6 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Bxe5=* ½-½ Grischuk,A-Leko,P/Dubai 2002/ CBM 89 (29)*; 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 g5 17.Bg3 Bf5 18.Rad1 d3 19.e6 f6* '?!' Erenburg. *20.Rd2±* 0-1 Kveinys,A-Degraeve,J/Bled 2002/ (55)*)* 15...d3 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Rad1 h6 18.Bh4?! White wants to keep the pressure on e7, but the bishop on h4 is actually in offside. *(18.Be3 Qd5∓)* 18...a5 19.Qb3 The queen on b3 is vulnerable. *(⌓19.Qa3 Bf5∓)* 19...Bf5 20.Bg3 Rb8 21.Qa3 e6 22.Nh4 After this move white's position seems to be beyond saving. *(⌓22.b3∓)* 22...Bf8 23.Qa4 Rb4 0-1 McShane,L-Van Wely,L/Istanbul 2003/ (45);

A1d1143) 10...Nxd2 **A1d11431)**

11.Bxd2 Bg4?! Black sacrifies a pawn. *(⌓11...cxd4)* 12.dxc5 Qb8 13.Qb3! Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qc8 *(14...Bxe5 15.Qxb8 Bxb8 16.Rxe7+- ; 14...Qc7)* 15.Qa4 [Qa4-g4;f4] Rb8 16.b3 Qf5 17.Qf4 *(17.Qxa7? Qxf3⇄)* 17...Qd3 18.Kg2 e6 *(18...f6 19.e6)* 19.Qd4 Qf5 20.Rac1! 1-0 Rozentalis,E-Rahman,Z/Elista 1998/ (43);

A1d11432) 11.Nxd2!? cxd4 12.cxd4

A1d114321) 12...c5

A1d1143211) 13.Nb3 c4 *(13...cxd4 14.Nxd4∞)* 14.Nc5 Bf5 15.b3 Rc8 16.Bf4 Qa5 17.g4 Be6 18.Bg5 Rxc5 19.dxc5 Qxc5 20.bxc4 dxc4 21.Qe2 c3 22.Rac1 Rc8 23.Qe3 Qb4 24.h3 c2 25.Qxa7 Bf8 26.Re2 Bxg4 27.hxg4 Qxg4+ Baumegger,S-Meszaros,A/ Zalaegerszeg 1993/ 0-1 (58);

A1d1143212) 13.dxc5 Qc7 14.Nf3 Qxc5 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.b3 Rfc8 17.Bb2 Qa5 18.Qe2 Rc7 19.a4 Qb6 20.Rad1 Rac8 21.Ba3 Be8 22.Qd2 Qb7 23.Bb4 Rb8 24.Bc3 Rbc8 25.Ba5 Rc5 26.Bb4= 0-1 Rozentalis,E-Degraeve,J/Belfort 1997/ (60);

A1d114322) 12...f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Nb3± ½-½ Movsesian,S-Rogozenko,D/Koszalin 1998/ (34);

A1d12) 8.exd5 Qxd5! 9.c4 *(9.Qb3 cxd4 10.Qxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxc6 dxc3 12.Bxd5 cxb2 13.Bxb2 Bxb2 14.Nbd2 Bxa1 15.Rxa1∞* Ulibin-Jakovic/Tscheljabinsk/1990*)* 9...Qd6 10.dxc5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Ne4 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Na3= Torre-Kotronias/Manila ol./1992;

A1d2) 7...cxd4 Erenburg: 'Another popular continuation is'

A1d21) 8.e5!? Nd5 9.cxd4 d6 *(9...Nc7*

10.Nc3 Nxb5 11.Nxb5 d6! 12.exd6 exd6 13.Bg5=) 10.Nc3!

A1d211) 10...Nc7!?= 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Ne4 Qd5 13.Nc3 Qd6 14.Ne4= Qb4 *(14...Qd5)* 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Ne5 Qb6 17.Nc5 Rd8 18.Qf3± Rubery,M-Nilssen,J/ol (men) 1998/0-1 (46) Rubery,M-Nilssen,J/ol (men) 1998/0-1 (46);

A1d212) 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3

A1d2121) 11...a6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.h3 Bf5 *(13...c5!?)* 14.Bf4 d5 15.Qc1 Qd7 16.Bh6 a5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qf4± ½-½ Shaked,T-Dancevski,O/ Cannes 1997/ (80);

A1d2122) 11...Bg4 12.exd6

A1d21221) 12...exd6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qa5 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bf4 d5 17.Re7 Qa3? *(17...Rae8±)* 18.Rae1 Rad8 19.Bc7 Rc8 20.Rd7 Qxa2 21.g4 Qb3 22.Kg2+- f6 23.Ree7 Bh8 24.Qe3 1-0 Hansen,S-Hall, J/Castrop Rauxel GER 2001/ (24);

A1d21222) 12...Qxd6 13.h3

A1d212221) 13...Bxf3 14.Qxf3

A1d2122211) 14...a6 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Rab1 e6 18.Rb6± ½-½ Kalinina,V-Zozulia,A/ Kramatorsk UKR 2001/The Week in Chess 335 (53);

A1d2122212) 14...Qf6 15.Qe4 e6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Ba3 *(17.Qxc6 Rac8)* 17...Rfd8 18.Rab1± Nishimura,H-Horvath,Ga/ Budapest 1996 Nishimura,H-Horvath,Ga/ Budapest 1996;

A1d2122213) 14...e6 Yakovich Yakovich;

A1d2122214) 14...e5

A1d21222141) 15.a4 Rfd8 *(15...Rfc8!? 16.Ba3 Qc7 17.d5±; 15...exd4 16.Ba3)* 16.Bg5 f6 *(16...Rd7)*

A1d212221411) 17.Be3!?± Yakovich Yakovich

exd4 *(17...f5 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.d5 e4 20.Qe2)* 18.Rad1 f5 19.cxd4±;

A1d212221412)

17.Bh4?!

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17...exd4 18.cxd4 Nxd4 *(18...Qxd4* this was simply another possiblity to take the "d4" pawn,when it is not so clear what white really has this was simply another possiblity to take the "d4" pawn, when it is not so clear what white really has *19.Bg3 Rac8)* 19.Qxb7 Nf5 . 1-0 Kuzmin,G-Beshukov,S/St Petersburg 1997/ (37) *(19...Nxb5?* Yakovich Yakovich *20.Re7!)*;

A1d21222142)

15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bh6 Rfe8 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.Re4 Re6 20.Rc4 Rc8 21.Be3 Rb8= 0-1 Yandemirov,V-Polovnikova,E/ Perm 1997/ (49);

A1d212222)

13...Bd7

This move is more flexible than ♗f3

14.a4 Rfe8

A1d2122221)

15.Ba3!? Qc7 16.d5!? *(16.Bxc6 Bxc6∓; 16.Rc1)*

A1d21222211)

16...Na5 17.Bxe7 Bxb5

A1d212222111)

18.axb5 Rxe7 19.Rxe7 Qxe7 20.Rxa5 *(20.d6? Qd8)* 20...Bxc3∓;

A1d212222112)

18.d6! Qd7 19.axb5 Bxc3 20.Ne5 Qxb5

A1d2122221121)

21.Rb1 Qc5 22.Rc1 Qb4 23.Re3! *(23.d7? Rxe7 24.d8Q+ Rxd8 25.Qxd8+ Kg7∓ 26.Rxc3 Qxc3 27.Qxe7 Qxe1+ 28.Kh2 Qxf2-+)* 23...Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Nc6 25.Rxc6 bxc6 26.d7+-;

A1d2122221122) 21.Nxf7!? Bxe1 *(21...Bxa1?? 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.Qxa1+ Kxh6 24.Re5+-; 21...Kxf7 22.Qf3+ Kg8 23.Qxc3+-)* 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.Qd4+ Kxh6 24.Rxe1 *(24.Qf4+ Kg7 25.Qf6+=)* 24...Nc6 25.Qf4+=;

A1d21222212) 16...Bxc3 17.Rc1 Bxe1 18.Qxe1 a6 19.dxc6 axb5 20.cxd7 Qxd7 21.a5∞ Although black's ♔ is weak, the lines for his ♖'s are open so he should have enough time to create counterplay. The position is about balanced.;

A1d2122222) 15.Ng5? White chooses a long ♘ maneouvre (4 straight moves) and captures black's light squared ♗ (the one that black usually changes himself, by taking on f3) . This can't be good 15...h6 16.Ne4 Qc7 17.Nc5 Rad8 18.Nxd7 Rxd7 A typical position with white having the hanging duo in the center, while white has temporarily more space. 19.Qf3 Rc8 *(19...a6? 20.Bf4 Qc8 21.Bxc6 Qxc6 22.Qxc6 bxc6 23.Rab1±)* 20.Bf4 Qd8 21.Rab1 a6

A1d21222221) 22.Bxc6 was a 'must play' bxc6= *(22...Rxc6? 23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.Qxc6+-)*;

A1d21222222) 22.Bc4? e6∓ 0-1 Safin,S-Shariyazdanov,A/Dubai 2001/ (36);

A1d213) 10...dxe5 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nxe5 c5? *(12...Bb7 13.Na4±)* 13.Nc6 Nxc3 *(13...Qd6?? 14.Nxd5+-)* 14.bxc3 Qd6 15.Nxe7+ Kh8 16.Ba3+- 1-0 Glek,I-McShane,L/Internet ICC 2000/ (51);

A1d22) 8.cxd4

A1d221) 8...d6 9.h3 *(9.d5 Nb8 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bf1 Nbd7 12.Bg5 b5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Red1 Rc8 16.Qf4 Qb6 17.Qh4 e6 18.dxe6 Rxe6 19.Nd4 Ree8 20.Be3 Qd8 21.Bg5 Qb6*

22.Be3 1-0 Esain,M-Campos,A/Ibercaja op 1992 (33) *)* 9...a6 *(9...Qb6 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ba4 Nd7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Bg5 f6 14.Be3 Kh8 15.Rc1 Ndb8 16.Qd2 e6 17.Nf4 d5 18.exd5 exd5 19.Nd3 Na5 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Qxa5 Qc4 22.Nc5 Qxa2 23.Qc7 Nc6 24.Bxc6 bxc6* Jozsa,C-Fodre,S/HUN-chT2 9293 (08) 1993/1-0 (35)*; 9...Bd7 10.Nc3 h6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Bd3 a6 13.a3 b5 14.Qd2 Kh7 15.e5 Ng8 16.b4 Qd8 17.Bf4 dxe5 18.dxe5 Bf5 19.Ne4 Nd4 20.Nxd4 Qxd4 21.Rad1 Rad8 22.g4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Qb6 24.Be3* Mascarinas,R-Scarella,E/Buenos Aires ARG-WORLD (10) 1994/1-0 (72)*)* 10.Bf1 e5 *(10...Bd7 11.Nc3 Rc8 12.Bg5 b5 13.a4 Nb4 14.axb5 axb5 15.Qb3 Nc6 16.Nxb5 Rb8 17.Qa3 Qb6 18.d5 Ra8 19.Qxa8 Rxa8 20.Rxa8+ Nb8 21.Be3 Qb7 22.Ra7 Qc8 23.Rc1 Qd8 24.Nfd4 Qe8 25.Ra8* 1-0 Fleischmann,A-Blumberg,L/Zurich open 1989 *)* 11.Nc3 exd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Be6 14.Qb4 b5 15.Rd1 Ne8 16.Bf4 Qh4 17.Bg3 Qg5 18.a4 bxa4 19.Rxa4 a5 20.Qb6 Be5 21.Rxa5 Rxa5 22.Qxa5 Bb3 23.Rd3 Bisguier,A-Saidy,A/USA-ch (06) 1965/½-½ (53);

A1d222) 8...a6!?

A1d2221) 9.Bf1 d5 *(9...d6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.Qb3 b5 14.Be3 Rb8 15.f3 Ne8 16.Nb1 Nd6 17.Nd2 Re8 18.Rac1 a5 19.Qd1 e6 20.Nb3 exd5 21.exd5 Nf5 22.Bf2 Bh6 23.Rc2 a4 24.Nc5* Gurgenidze,B-Furman,S/URS-ch26 Tbilisi (03) 1959/½-½ (42) *)* 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nbd2 Bf5 12.Nb3 f6 13.exf6 exf6 14.Nfd2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 Qd6 16.Bc3 Bh6 17.Nc5 b6 18.Na4 b5 19.Nc5 b4 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 a5 22.Rac1 Ra7 23.g3 Re7 24.Rxe7 Nxe7 Djurhuus,R-Wirthensohn,H/EU-chT Haifa (6) 1989/1-0 (35);

A1d2222) 9.Bd3 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Nc3 Bg4 12.Nxe4 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Nxd4 14.Qg4 dxe4 15.Qxe4 Nc6 16.f4 f6 17.exf6 exf6 18.f5 Kh8 19.Bf4 g5 20.Bxg5 Rf7 21.Bf4 Re7 22.Qc4 Na5 23.Qc3 Rd7 24.Rad1 Rc8 25.Qd2 Bf8 ½-½ Hort,V-Timman, J/Nica (ol) 17/367 1974;

A1d2223) 9.Bxc6 dxc6 10.h3 *(10.Nc3 Bg4⇄)* 10...c5 *(10...Nd7 11.Nc3 b5 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Qc1 Kh7 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Qc2 Rfd8 18.Be3 Rac8 19.b4 a5 20.a3 Qc7 21.e5 Nb6 22.Ne4 Nc4 23.Bf4 Ra8 24.Bg3 Qb6 25.Nc5* Sax,Gy-Gesos,P/ HUN-ch/1975/1-0 (41)*; 10...a5 11.Nc3 b5 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Qc2 Be6 14.Be3 Qb7 15.Ne2 Rfd8 16.Nf4 Bd7 17.Ne5 Be8 18.f3 Rac8 19.Rac1 e6 20.Nfd3 h6 21.Qd2 Qa8 22.Bxh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Rxd4 24.Nc5 Qa7 25.Qe3* Ulibin,M-Vallet,R/ Iraklio op (01)/1993/ 1-0 (43) *)* 11.d5 *(11.dxc5? Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Nxe4∓; 11.Nc3 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Ng4 13.hxg4 Qxd4 14.Qe2 Be6 15.Rd1 Qc4 16.Qxc4 Bxc4 17.Nd5 Be2 18.Re1 Bxg4 19.Nxe7+ Kh8 20.Nd5 Rac8 21.Bf4 Be6 22.Rac1 h6 23.b3 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 g5 25.Be3 Be5* G e o r g , M - Wirthensohn,H/Lenk op 1992/½-½ (39) *)* 11...e6 12.d6 Δ 13.e5 ± *(12.dxe6 Bxe6∓ ⧉)* 12...e5

A1d22231) 13.Nxe5 Ne8 *(13...Re8 14.f4±)* 14.Bf4 *(14.Nc4 b5∓)* 14...Qxd6∓;

A1d22232) 13.Nc3 Re8 14.Be3 b6 15.Qd3 Ra7 Δ♖d7,♗b7 ∓ 16.b4

A1d222321) 16...cxb4!? 17.Na4 Nd7 *(17...Rd7? 18.Rad1±)* 18.Rac1 a5∞;

A1d222322) 16...c4 17.Qxc4 Qxd6 18.Red1± × ♙b6, ⇔ d, ×d5 ½-½ Rozentalis,E-Timman,J/Moscow

1994/ (34) Sicilian Rossolimo-6. ♖e1 0-0 7.d4 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta];

A2) 5.Re1 e5 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.d3 Qe7 8.Nbd2 Nf6 *(8...Be6; 8...f6!?)*

A2a) 9.Nc4 Nd7

A2a1) 10.Bd2 transfering the bishop to c3, and, at the same time preparing the breakthrough b2-b4. White has the following possibilities as well:

A2a11) Probably more accurate is 10...b6 Postny 11.a4 *(11.a3 a5)* 11...0-0 12.Qc1 Re8 13.Rb1 Nf8 14.Bc3 f6 15.b4 Be6 16.Ne3 Bf7 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Bb2 Ne6= 19.Ba3 Rab8 20.Qd2 h5 21.h3 Bf8 22.Qa5 Qd8 23.Qxa7 ½-½ Adams,M-Leko,P/ Bled 2002/EXT 2003 (23);

A2a12) 10...0-0 11.a3

A2a121) 11...Rd8 12.b4 b6 13.Qc1 Ba6 14.Ne3 f6 15.Qb1!?

A2a1211) 15...Nf8?! 16.bxc5 bxc5 *(16...Qxc5 17.Bb4 Qb5 18.a4+-)* 17.Qb3+ Ne6 18.Rab1 Kh8 19.Ba5 Re8 20.Nd2±;

A2a1212) 15...Bf8 16.h3 Qf7 Arising position is very interesting:both sides deprived the other one possibility of active play and now they start the manouvering. *(16...Rab8!?)* 17.a4 cxb4 18.Bxb4 Nc5 *(* Promising possibility was *18...Bxb4 19.Qxb4 c5 20.Qc3 Nf8 21.a5 Ne6 22.axb6 axb6 23.Nd5 b5⇄)* 19.Rd1 Rab8 20.Ba3 Bc8 21.a5 b5 *(21...Be6!?)* 22.Bb4 Be6 23.Ra3 Na4 24.Bxf8 Qxf8 25.Qa1 1-0 Speelman,J-David,A/Mondariz 2000/ (36);

A2a122) 11...b6 Another possibility is Radjabov: 'Now black develops in a right way. As white has nothing to prevent Ba6.' 12.Bc3 *(* More to the point is *12.b4* Postny *Ba6 13.Bc3 Rfd8 14.Nfd2 Qe6 15.Qe2 Bf8 16.Rf1 b5 17.Ne3 Bd6 18.Nf3 Qe7 19.Rab1 Bc8 20.Qd2 f6 21.Ng4 Nf8 22.Nh6+ Kh8 23.bxc5 Bc7 24.a4±* 1-0 Torre,E-Timman,J/ Moscow 1981/MCL (73) *)* 12...a5 Preventing the b2-b4

advance. It's interesting that from now on until the end of the game Gelfand fails to find any good plan!" *(12...Ba6!?∞* Was worth considering.*)* 13.a4! Very strong move, which fixes black's pawns on the queenside. *(13.Qd2? a4!)* 13...Ba6 Radjabov: 'Now there is no b4. So white lost targets for a while. Now black can think about playing on the king-side sometimes.' 14.b3 *(* Since the position is closed, comes into consideration *14.Ne3* (Postny) to keep the knight out of the exchange. *)*

A2a1221) 14...Bxc4 15.bxc4 Qd6 16.Rb1 *(16.Nd2?! f5=;* Deserved attention *16.Ng5* (Postny) with the idea to transfer the knight to h3 and prepare f2-f4 (possibly with g2-g3 first). *)* 16...Rae8 17.g3 Qe6 18.Kg2 Re7

A2a12211) 19.Nd2 f5 20.exf5 *(20.f3 f4∓* And it is only Black who is playing for something as queen-side is totally untouchable.*)* 20...gxf5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 *(21...Nxe5!* But probably this is interesting. *22.f4 Ng4 23.Rxe6 Rxe6 24.Nf1 Rfe8 25.Kf3 Bd4 26.c3 Bxc3 27.h3 h5! 28.hxg4 hxg4+ 29.Kg2 Re2+ 30.Kh1 Kf7-+)* 22.f4 Qg6 *(22...Qf6 23.fxe5 Rxe5 24.Qh5±)* 23.fxe5**±**;

A2a12212) Possible was 19.Ng5 Postny Qd6 20.Nh3;

A2a12213) 19.h4 f5

A2a122131) 20.h5! This was better than the text.

A2a1221311) 20...f4?! 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Ng5 Qf6 23.gxf4 Qxf4?! *(23...Bh6!? 24.Qg4 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Qxf4 26.Qxf4 Rxf4 27.Bd2 Rh4 28.Rh1 Rxh1 29.Rxh1±)* 24.Nh3 Qh4 25.Re3 Bh6 26.Rg3 Kh7 27.Qe2 Ref7

28.Rh1±;
A2a1221312)
20...fxe4?
21.Ng5!±;
A2a1221313)
20...Qf6! 21.hxg6 hxg6 And I think that black's chances are slightly better.;
A2a122132)
20.Qe2 f4 21.Ng5 Qd6 22.Rh1 0-1 Gelfand,B-Radjabov,T/ Enghien les Bains FRA 2003/ (37);
A2a1222)
14...Rfb8N
According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. In the previous Gelfand's game, black continued 15.g3 Useful move. Black hasn't any plan, so white can play slowly. He prepares to develop the initiative on both flanks. Bxc4 16.bxc4 Nf8 transfering the knight to e6. 17.Qc1!
White improves the position of his queen, transfering it to b2 square. Qc7 (Maybe d6 is better location for a queen. Anyways, it doesn't change so much the evaluation of the position. *17...Qd6!?)* 18.Qb2 f6 19.Ra3
Now white is ready to occupy the "b' file with all his heavy pieces, thus, putting the pressure on the weak b6 pawn. Ne6 20.Rb3 Bf8
Black prepares to occupy the c5 square with his bishop, after a trade on d4. *(20...Nd4 21.Bxd4 cxd4 22.Rb1 Ra6 23.c5±)* 21.Rb1 Ra6 22.Qc1
A2a12221)
Black doesn't equalize after 22...Nd4
A2a122211)
23.Bxd4 cxd4 24.c3 dxc3 25.Qxc3 *(25.c5)* 25...Bb4∓;
A2a122212)
23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Bd2 Bc5 25.c3 Qf7 *(25...dxc3 26.Qxc3)* 26.cxd4 exd4 *(26...Bxd4 27.Be3)* 27.Qd1±;
A2a12222)
22...Bd6 23.Qf1! 1-0 Gelfand,B-Van Wely,L/Plovdiv 2003/ (56) robbing

from black the resourse of ♘d4, and, at the same time, preparing to transfer the queen to h3.;

A2a2) 10.c3 0-0 11.a4 Rd8 12.a5 Nf8 13.b3 Rb8 14.h3 Qc7 15.Qc2 Ne6 16.Be3 b5 17.Ncd2 Qd6 18.Rad1 Qxd3 19.Qc1 Qd6 20.Nc4 Qc7 21.Rxd8+ Nxd8 22.Ncxe5!↑ 1-0 Campora,D-Estremera Panos,S/Santiago 1995/ (32);

A2a3) 10.a4

A2a31) 10...a5

A2a311) 11.Bg5!? Qe6 *(11...f6 12.Bd2 b6 13.c3)* 12.Bd2 b6 13.Ng5 Qf6!? 14.Rf1;

A2a312) 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 b6 13.Nfd2 *(≤13.c3 Rd8)* 13...Rb8 14.Qf3?! *(14.Rf1!?; 14.Qe2!?)* 14...Bh6 15.Qe2 *(15.Qh3 Kg7)* 15...f6 16.Rf1 Rf7 17.g3 ½-½ Illescas Cordoba,M-McShane,L/Pamplona 2003/ (17) Nf8 18.f4 exf4 *(18...Bh3? 19.Rf2 exf4 20.gxf4 Ne6 21.Qe3 Bg4 22.Qg3±)* 19.gxf4 Ne6 20.Qe3 Qc7 21.e5 f5 22.h4!? *(22.Nd6* looks pretty but doesn't achieve much. *)*

A2a3121) △22...Ng7 23.Nf3 *(23.e6* Fritz *)*;

A2a3122) 22...Qd8 23.Qg3 Nd4⇄;

A2a32) 10...Nb6 11.Na5 0-0 12.b3 Nd7 13.Nc4 Rd8 14.Ba3 Nf8 15.Qd2 Bg4 16.Qe3 b6 ½-½ Anand,V-Kramnik,V/Dortmund 1996;

A2a4) 10.Bg5 f6 11.Be3 Nf8 12.a3 Bg4 13.b4 Ne6 14.bxc5 Nxc5 15.Na5 Ne6 16.Qb1± Nd8 17.Nd2 0-0 18.d4 exd4 19.Bxd4 b6 20.Nac4 Be6= ½-½ Movsesian,S-Babula,V/Olomouc 1997/ (42);

A2b) 9.a3!? 0-0 *(9...Nh5 10.b4 Be6 11.bxc5 0-0 12.Rb1 Rab8 13.Nb3 Bxb3 14.Rxb3 Qxc5 15.Be3 Qe7 16.a4±* Sax-Hergott/Dubai ol./1986 *)* 10.b4

A2b1) 10...Nd7? 11.bxc5 *(11.Bb2 Rd8 12.Nc4 Nb6 13.Na5 Na4 14.Bc1 Qc7∞ 15.c4 b5 16.Qc2 Bg4 17.Be3 Rac8 18.Rac1 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bf8 20.cxb5 cxb5 21.Nb3 Qd7 22.Nxc5 Nxc5 23.bxc5 Qxd3 24.Qb2* 1-0 Timman,J-Reinderman,D/Wijk aan Zee 1999/ (70)) 11...Nxc5 12.a4± King-Klund/Kecskemet/1988 Rd8 13.Ba3 Be6 14.Qe2 f6 15.c3+- King,D-Klundt,K/Kecskemet 1988;

A2b2) 10...Rd8 Gershon: 'Moving the rook from the a3-f8 ⇗ which makes the

take on b4 a threat' 11.Nc4
A2b21) 11...Bg4!? 12.Ncxe5 *(12.h3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 cxb4 14.axb4 Qxb4∓; 12.bxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3 Qe7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nd7=)* 12...Qxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxd1 14.Rxd1 Nxe4 15.Bb2 Re8 16.f4 Ng5! 17.bxc5 Ne6=;
A2b22) 11...Nd7 12.Bd2 f6 *(12...b6 13.Qc1± Nf8!? 14.Bc3 f6 15.bxc5?! Qxc5 16.Bb4 Qb5 17.Nd6 Qa4 18.Nxc8 Raxc8∞)* 13.h3 b6 14.Qb1±
A2b221) ⌓14...Nf8 15.bxc5 Qxc5 16.Bb4 Qb5 17.Nd6 *(17.a4 Qa6 18.a5 b5 19.Ncd2 Ne6 20.Nb3 Bf8=)* 17...Qa6∞;
A2b222) 14...Ba6?! After this move black cannot move his knight without handing white serious positional advantages.The point is that the bishop takes the a6 square from the queen, which means it will not be able to take on c5 without being caught 15.Ne3 Nf8?! *(⌓15...cxb4 16.axb4 Bb7)* 16.bxc5 bxc5± *(16...Qxc5?? 17.Bb4 Qb5 18.a4+-)* 17.Qb3+ Ne6 18.Qa4 Qb7 *(18...Bb5 19.Qa5 Nc7 20.a4 Ba6 21.Bc1)* 19.Rab1 Qc8 20.Nc4 Kh8 21.Rb2 *(21.Na5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Nd4)* 21...Nd4 22.Nxd4 *(22.Nh2* looks too artificial*)* 22...cxd4 23.f4! Poluljahov,A-Lanka,Z/MK Cafe Cup-A 1999 creating another weakness (e5) and if black takes on f4 the white bishop there will be unbearable;
A2b3) 10...Be6! 11.bxc5 Qxc5 12.a4 b5! 13.Bb2 Nh5∞ Motwani-Lanka/Wien/1991 Sicilian Rossolimo-7.d3 ♕e7 8. ♘bd2_69190 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta];

B) 4.Bxc6
B1) 4...bxc6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Re1
B1a) 6...Nh6 Rabinovich,Al: 'It seems to become the most solid setup for black pieces in this line.' Postny: 'The best way of development. Black's knight will be transfered to a safe square f7.' Rabinovich,Al: 'It seems to become the most solid setup for black pieces in this line.' Postny: 'The best way of development. Black's knight will be transfered to a safe square f7.'
B1a1) 7.e5 0-0 8.Nc3
B1a11) 8...f6 9.exf6 Rxf6 10.Ne4 *(10.Qe2 d5 11.Qxe7?! Qxe7 12.Rxe7 Bg4 13.Ng5 Nf5 14.Rb7 Nd4∓* Sofieva,A-Marin,M/Sitges op 1994 Sofieva,A-Marin,

M/Sitges op 1994) 10...Rf5 11.Qe2 e6 12.Nd6 Rd5 13.Nxc8 Rxc8 14.d3 Nf7 15.c4 Rf5 16.g4 Rf6 17.Ng5± Prie,E-Santo Roman,M/FRA-ch 1996 Prie,E-Santo Roman,M/FRA-ch 1996;

B1a12) 8...d6 9.d3 *(9.exd6 exd6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ng4 12.h3 Ne5 13.Bf4 Qc7∞)* 9...Rb8 10.Rb1 f6 Finkel,A: 'Dubious continuation weakening square e6 and closing the bishop on g7.' Finkel, A: 'Dubious continuation weakening square e6 and closing the bishop on g7.' *(10...Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Nf5 13.Bf4 Nd4 14.Qd1 Ne6 15.exd6 exd6 16.Bg3 Rxb2 17.Rxb2 Bxc3∞)* 11.exd6 exd6 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qb6 14.Be3 Qa6

B1a121) Doesn't work neither Doesn't work neither 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.Bxh6 Bxh6 17.Rxe6 Bf4 18.Ne4 Be5⇄;

B1a122) no no 15.Bf4!? Nf7 16.Ne4

B1a1221) 16...Qxa2? 17.b3 *(17.Nxc6 Rxb2 18.Rxb2 Qxb2 19.Ne7+ Kh8=)* 17...Rb6 18.Bxd6! Nxd6 19.Nxd6±;

B1a1222) 16...c5 17.Nb3 Rd8∞ in both cases with good chanses for black. in both cases with good chanses for black.;

B1a123) 15.Qf3 d5 16.Qg3= Bd7 *(16...Rb7!?)* 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Re7 Qc8 19.Qd6 Rb7

B1a1231) 20.Na4?! Re8! *(20...Rf7 21.Rxf7 Kxf7 22.Nc5 Rc7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxd7+ Rxd7 25.Nxc6±; 20...Be8 21.Rxb7 Qxb7 22.Nc5 Qb6 23.b4!?±)* 21.Rxe8+ *(21.Qxf6? Rxe7 22.Qxe7 Bf8 23.Qh4 c5 24.Nf3 Rb4-+)* 21...Qxe8 22.Nf3 Qf8∓;

B1a1232) 20.Nb3 Rf7 21.Rxf7 Kxf7 22.Nc5 Rc7 23.Na6!? Rb7 24.Nc5 Rc7 ½-½ Speelman,J-Reinderman,D/Mondariz 2000/ (24) ½-½ Speelman,J-Reinderman,D/Mondariz 2000/ (24);

B1a2) 7.Nc3 0-0 *(7...f6 8.Qe2 Nf7 9.a3 Rb8 10.b4 cxb4 11.axb4 a6 12.Ra4*

0-0 13.d4 e5 14.Be3 Kh8 15.d5 f5 16.dxc6 dxc6 17.Bc5 Re8 18.Rd1 Qf6 19.Nd2± Orlov,G-Kaidanov,G/USA-ch/1994/) 8.Qe2 d6 9.h3 Bd7 10.d3 Rb8 11.Nd1 f6 12.d4?! *(⌓12.c3)* 12...cxd4 13.Qc4+ Nf7 14.Nxd4 Qc8 15.Be3 c5 16.Ne2 Rb4 17.Qd3 Ne5∓ 0-1 Aurehl,B-Handke,F/Stockholm SWE 2000/ (24);

B1a3) 7.d3

A new approach. White's idea is to play slowly. However, black is too solid in the center to have any problems. I believe white has to look for an advantage in the c3-d4 line. 0-0 8.Nbd2 e5 9.Nc4 d6 10.c3 f5 11.Qa4 Qc7= 12.Qa5 Qd7 13.Qa4 Rb8 white's plan is to play a3-b4, after which the 'a' will open. Therefore, keeping the ♖ on a8 would make more sence white's plan is to play a3-b4, after which the 'a' will open. Therefore, keeping the ♖ on a8 would make more sence *(13...Qc7=)* 14.a3 Nf7 15.b4 cxb4 *(15...fxe4 16.dxe4 d5? doesn't work 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Qxd7 Bxd7 19.Ncxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rbe8 21.f4±)* 16.axb4

B1a31) 16...Rb7?

17.Be3 f4 18.Bxa7 g5 19.Nb6 Qc7 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.Qa5±;

B1a32) ⌓16...a6

B1a321) 17.Be3? f4 18.Nb6?? *(18.Bc1)* 18...Qc7 19.Nxc8 fxe3-+;

B1a322) 17.Qa5 Rb5 18.Qa2 c5=;

B1a323) 17.exf5 gxf5∞;

B1a33) 16...fxe4?

Black goes for a very dubious pawn sac 17.dxe4 Qe6 18.Qxa7

B1a331) 18...Rb7 19.Qa2 d5 20.exd5 cxd5 21.Na5 *(21.Ne3 Rd7)* 21...Rc7 22.Bb2± I don't see enough compensation for the pawn;

B1a332) 18...Bb7 19.Qa2 d5 20.Na5 Ba8 21.Be3 Nd6 22.Bc5± Rf4 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.Nb3 Rbf8 25.Nc5 Kh8 *(25...Rxf3 26.gxf3 Bh6 27.Nd3+-)* 26.Ng5! R4f6 27.Qa7+- h6 28.Nce6! 1-0 Czebe,A-Volzhin,A/Ohrid 2001/ (28) Rxe6 29.Nf7+ Rxf7 30.Qxf7+-;

B1a4) 7.c3 0-0

B1a41) 8.h3!?

White wants to see how black wants to develop his pieces and react accordingly Postny: 'A prophylactic and also a waiting move. White does not want to reveal his

plans yet. More popular line is the immediate 8.d4. ' Postny: 'A prophylactic and also a waiting move. White does not want to reveal his plans yet. More popular line is the immediate 8.d4.'

B1a411) 8...d5 9.d3 f6 10.Be3 c4! Wells: 'but after' 11.exd5 cxd3 12.Qxd3 cxd5 13.Bc5 Bf5 14.Qd1 Be4 15.Nbd2 Rc8 16.Nxe4 *(16.Bxa7 Qc7 17.Be3 Rb8⩱; 16.Ba3!?)* 16...dxe4 17.Qxd8 Rfxd8 18.Bxe7 exf3 19.Bxd8 Rxd8 20.Rad1 Rb8 21.Rd7 a5 22.gxf3 *(22.g4 Bf8! 23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 Rxb4 25.Re8 Nf7 26.Ra8∞)* 22...Nf5 23.b4 Bf8 24.bxa5 Ra8 25.Rd5 Kf7 ½-½ Rublevsky,S-Hracek,Z/Polanica Zdroj 1996/ (53) ½-½ Rublevsky,S-Hracek,Z/Polanica Zdroj 1996/ (53);

B1a412) 8...f6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nf7 White has a nice pawns in the centre and comfortable development. On the other hand, black hopes to use his pair of bishops in the long run. The alternative is 11.Nc3;

B1a413) 8...e5 the most principal. Black forces maximum opening of lines and diagonals for his ♗. the most principal. Black forces maximum opening of lines and diagonals for his ♗. 9.d4 White must play this move if he wants to fight for an advantage. exd4 10.cxd4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 f5?! black must get his ♘ into the game. However, it seems to me that black underestimated white's 13th move after which black's position begin to look dubious. In my opinios it would be better to wait with f5 black must get his ♘ into the game. However, it seems to me that black underestimated white's 13th move after which black's position begin to look dubious. In my opinios it would be better to wait with f5

*(*after *11...Re8 12.Nc3 Rb8 13.Rb1* the ♘ on h6 looks real ugly the ♘ on h6 looks real ugly*;* ⌓*11...f6 12.Nc3 Nf7 13.Bf4 Re8=)* 12.Bxh6 Bxh6 13.e5! Qb6 *(13...Bg7 14.Na3 Rb8 15.Nc4 Ba6 16.Qa4 Bxc4 17.Qxc4+ Kh8 18.b3↑)* 14.Na3 Ba6 15.Qa4 Rae8 16.Rad1±

B1a4131) 16...Bg7 17.Nc4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4+ Kh8 19.Nf3 Re7 *(19...Qxb2 20.Rxd7±)* 20.b3±;

B1a4132) 16...Rf7? 17.Nc4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 The pin is extremely unpleasant Qa5 *(18...Qxb2? 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Rxd7 Ref8 21.e6 Rxd7 22.exd7+ Kh8 23.Re8+-)* 19.e6 dxe6 20.Rxe6? *(20.Nxc6 Qc7 21.Rxe6+-)* 20...Rd8 21.Rxc6?? a horrible blunder in a position with a big advantage *(21.Rde1 Qd5 22.Qxd5 cxd5 23.Nc6 Ra8 24.Ne7+ Kg7 25.Nxd5+-)* 21...Qd5!

0-1 Rublevsky,S-Sakaev,K/St Petersburg 2001/ (23) White is absolutely helpless against the pin along the 'd' file. Black will simply increase the pressure untill white can no more protect the ♘ 0-1 Rublevsky, S-Sakaev,K/St Petersburg 2001/ (23) White is absolutely helpless against the pin along the 'd' file. Black will simply increase the pressure untill white can no more protect the ♘;

B1a42) 8.d4 Wells: 'This game and others, with Yakovich playing a prominent role suggest that the kind of position we reach here around move 11 is not very dangerous for black. In that case white has two possible strategies to improve. 1) Some line with e5-e6 instead of exchanging on f6 (see notes to move 10) 2) To play ' Wells: 'This game and others, with Yakovich playing a prominent role suggest that the kind of position we reach here around move 11 is not

very dangerous for black. In that case white has two possible strategies to improve. 1) Some line with e5-e6 instead of exchanging on f6 (see notes to move 10) 2) To play ' 8...cxd4 9.cxd4

B1a421) 9...d5 10.e5

B1a4211) 10...f6 '!' Wells. '!' Wells.

B1a42111) 11.Qa4 Qb6 12.exf6 exf6 13.b3 Bg4 14.Ba3 Rfc8 15.Bc5 Qb7 16.Nbd2 a6 17.Qa5 Qb5 18.Qc3 Re8 19.Rac1 Bd7 20.a4 Qb7 21.b4± ½-½ Minasian,A-Vokarev,S/Ubeda ESP 2001/ (53) ½-½ Minasian,A-Vokarev,S/Ubeda ESP 2001/ (53);

B1a42112) 11.exf6 After this I strongly suspect that white can set his opponent no serious problems. Therefore it is well worth a look at lines where white retains flexibility, perhaps with a view to later attempting to slice black's position in two with the advance e5-e6. exf6 12.h3 g5 *(12...Nf7 13.b3 Ng5 14.Nbd2 Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nxg5 fxg5 17.Nf1 Qe4 18.Be3 Bd7 19.Qd2 h6 20.Rc1±* 1-0 Nevednichy,V-Poluljahov,A/JUG-chT 1994 (32) 1-0 Nevednichy,V-Poluljahov,A/JUG-chT 1994 (32)) 13.b3 Bf5 14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nbd2 Nf7 17.Qf1 Nd8 18.Qa6 Qd7 19.Rc1 Rc8 20.Bc5 Rc7 Black's two weaknesses on the queenside are well covered, and it is not easy for white to strengthen his position further. In the end, one aggressive gesture from black on the other side is sufficient for peace negotiations to break out! 21.Re1 Ne6 22.b4 h5! ½-½ Ulibin,M-Yakovich,Y/Maikop 1998/ (22) ½-½ Ulibin,M-Yakovich,Y/Maikop 1998/ (22);

B1a42113)

11.Nbd2 g5
B1a421131) 12.h3 g4 13.hxg4 Nxg4 14.b3? *(14.Qc2!?∞)* 14...fxe5 15.dxe5 Qb6 16.Re2 Ba6-+ 0-1 Poluljahov,A-Velimirovic,D/Belgrade Beopromet 1993 (22) 0-1 Poluljahov, A-Velimirovic,D/Belgrade Beopromet 1993 (22);
B1a421132) 12.e6!? Qd6 13.Qe2
B1a4211321) 13...g4!? It looks tempting to harrass this knight before white can play Nb3 as in the game creating a painless retreat square on d2. The variation 'A2' is probably critical and, of course the position is a complete mess. Both sides vie to give up material. The exchange sacrifice looks promising for black, and white's piece offer rather less so, I am rather optimistic about black's prospects. 14.Nh4 f5
B1a42113211) 15.g3!? Bxd4?! *(15...f4!)* 16.Nb3 Bg7 17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Nd4±;
B1a42113212) 15.Nb3 f4 16.g3 *(16.Nc5!? Bf6 17.Nf5 Nxf5 18.Qxg4+ Ng7 19.Bxf4 Qd8 20.Be5 Qe8∓)* 16...a5 17.Bxf4 Rxf4! 18.gxf4 a4 19.Nc5 Bxd4 20.Nd3 a3⇄;
B1a4211322) 13...Nf5 14.Nb3 g4 15.Nfd2 a5 16.Nf1 a4 17.Qxg4 Bxe6 *(17...axb3?! 18.Qxf5 Rxa2 19.Rb1±)* 18.Bf4 h5 *(18...Nxd4? 19.Qg3 Nf5 20.Bxd6 Nxg3 21.Bxg3±)* 19.Qf3 Qd8 20.Nc5 Nxd4! 21.Qe3 Bf7 22.Qxd4 e5 23.Qd2 exf4 24.Qxf4 a3 25.bxa3 Re8 26.Ng3 Timman,J-Yakovich,Y/Open, Koge DEN 1997/ 1-0 (59) White is better.Although the coming simplification does not appear to help matters, white will,

given time play Nf5 when his two knights form a pleasing picture, and help to guarantee the limited scope of the bishop pair too. Timman,J-Yakovich,Y/Open, Koge DEN 1997/ 1-0 (59) White is better.Although the coming simplification does not appear to help matters, white will, given time play Nf5 when his two knights form a pleasing picture, and help to guarantee the limited scope of the bishop pair too.;

B1a42114) 11.h3 Nf7 12.Nc3 Bf5? After the next strong whites reply the bishop becomes an easy object for the attack *(⌓12...fxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.Qc2 e6 15.Bf4 c5 16.Na4 c4∞)* 13.e6 Nd6 14.Nh4± Be4 15.f3 g5 16.fxe4 gxh4 17.exd5 cxd5 18.Nxd5 *(18.Qg4 f5 19.Qxh4 Ne4⇄)* 18...Nf5 19.Qb3 Rb8 20.Qc4 Rc8 21.Qb5 Rb8 22.Qc6 Nxd4 *(22...Rc8 23.Qd7±)* 23.Qc4 Nf5 24.Rd1 Qe8 25.Qg4 Ng3 *(25...Qg6?? 26.Qxf5 Qxf5 27.Nxe7++-)* 26.Bh6 Nh5 27.Nxe7+!+- 1-0 Sutovsky,E-De la Riva Aguado,O/ Pamplona 1999/ (32);

B1a42115) 11.e6 Qd6 12.Qe2 a5 13.b3 Nf5 14.Ba3 Qf4 15.Nc3 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Na4 Qa7 18.Bc5 Qc7 19.Bd4≅ 1-0 McShane,L-Yakovich,Y/ Stockholm SWE 2000/ (40);

B1a4212) 10...Bg4 11.Nbd2! Qb6 *(11...Nf5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 e6 14.b3 Qa5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Qd2 Qxd2 17.Bxd2 a5 18.Rec1 Ra6 19.Rc5 a4 20.b4±* 0-1 Turov,M-Rotstein,A/Halkida 2000/ (71)*)* 12.b3± *(12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 c5 14.Bg5 cxd4 15.Qd2 Nf5*

16.g4 f6 17.exf6 exf6 18.Bf4 Nd6 19.Qxd4 Qxd4 20.Nxd4 Ne4 21.Ne6 Rf7 22.Rad1± 1-0 Pavasovic,D-Echavarria,J/Istanbul 2000/ (63)*)* 12...c5 13.Ba3 cxd4 14.Bxe7 Rfe8 15.Bg5 Bd7 16.Nf1 Nf5 17.g4 Ne7 18.Nxd4 Nc6≅ Psakhis,L-Dautov,R Nimes 1991,;

B1a422) 9...d6

B1a4221) 10.Bd2 f6 11.Qc1 Nf7 12.Qxc6 Bg4 13.Qc3 Qb6 14.Qb3 Qa6≅ 0-1 Komliakov,V-Grigoryan,K/Istanbul 2000/EXT 2001 (29) black got a very strong compensation;

B1a4222) 10.Nc3 Bd7 *(10...Bg4!?; 10...f6)* 11.h3 Qa5?! This useless move is the main reason for the difficulties that black starts to face. *(11...f6!?)* 12.Bd2 Qh5?! Another inaccuracy after which black's position becomes extremly dangerous. It was nessasery to play *(12...f6□±; 12...Rab8? 13.Qc1 Qh5 14.Ne2+-)* 13.Ne2 f6 14.Qb3+ Nf7?! *(14...Kh8!?)* 15.e5!± Thematical move,cutting black queen from the queenside,while on the kingside white minor pieces start the hunting! Thematical move, cutting black queen from the queenside, while on the kingside white minor pieces start the hunting! Rfb8 16.Qc4 d5 17.Qc3 Ng5 *(17...g5 18.Ng3 Qg6 19.e6+-)* 18.Nxg5 fxg5 19.g4!+- Qh4?! *(* It was better to play *19...Qh6* ,but after *20.Kg2* there is no doubt in the final result. *)* 20.Kg2 Rf8 21.f3 Rf7 22.Rh1 e6 23.Qc1! Finally trapping the queen! Rxf3 24.Be1 1-0 Sulskis,S-Yakovich,Y/New York 1998/CBM 064/ [Finkel,A] (24);

B1a4223) 10.h3 f6 *(10...Bd7 11.Nc3 Qa5?* Finkel,A: 'This useless move is the main reason for the difficulties that black starts to face.'

12.Be3 f6 13.a3 Rab8 14.Qd2 Nf7 15.b4 Qh5 16.Ne2 g5 17.d5!± 1-0 Khalifman,A-Gamboa,N/New York 1998/ (51)*; 10...Rb8 11.Nc3 f6 12.Qc2 Nf7 13.b3 Bd7 14.Bb2 Qc8 15.Rad1 Kh8 16.Qd2 Rb7 17.Ne2±* Becerra Rivero,J-Spangenberg,H/Capablanca mem-A 1994 (41)*)* 11.b3 Nf7 12.Bb2 This is the critical point where black must decide what to do.He must choose between: 1.Opening up the position for his bishops and his rook through the f-file 2.Opening up the center, but not too much and still to remain in a slightly worse position through e5!? 3.Or other moves preparing previous 2 moves like:1.Re8 2The move in the game Bd7.... It is hard to say which is better,but for sure black must be aware of opening the center too much since white pieces are ready for it! This is the critical point where black must decide what to do. He must choose between: 1.Opening up the position for his bishops and his rook through the f-file 2.Opening up the center, but not too much and still to remain in a slightly worse position through e5!? 3.Or other moves preparing previous 2 moves like:1.Re8 2The move in the game Bd7.... It is hard to say which is better,but for sure black must be aware of opening the center too much since white pieces are ready for it!

B1a42231)

12...e5!? 13.Nbd2 Be6 14.Rc1 Qb6 15.dxe5 fxe5 16.Re3 Bh6 17.Rec3 Rac8⇄ 1-0 Hracek,Z-Jakubiec,A/CZE 2001/The Week in Chess 388 (50) 18.Qc2 Qa5 19.Rd1± 1-0 Hracek,Z-Jakubiec,A/Czechia 2001/ (50);

B1a42232) 12...f5 Postny: 'Logical attempt to open up the position for the pair of bishops.' Postny: 'Logical attempt to open up the position for the pair of bishops.'

B1a422321)

13.Nbd2 fxe4 14.Nxe4 c5N *(14...Bd7 15.Rc1 Qa5 16.Bc3 Qd5 17.Rc2 Nh6 18.Neg5 Nf5 19.Rce2 c5 20.Rxe7 Nxe7 21.Rxe7∞* 1-0 Arkhipov,S-Yakovich,Y/Elista 1994/ (31)*)* 15.Qd2 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Qb6 17.Rad1 e5 18.Nc2 Bb7 19.Nc3 Transfering the knight to a blockading d5 square. Transfering the knight to a blockading d5 square. Ng5 0-1 Fedorchuk,S-Oleksienko,M/ Kharkov 2004/ (26);

B1a422322)

13.Qc2 fxe4 14.Qxe4 Bd7 15.Nc3 Bf6 16.Qe3 Qa5 17.Rad1± Rae8 18.d5 cxd5 19.Rxd5 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Rd2± 1-0 Bologan,V-Yakovich,Y/ Novgorod 1995/ (41);

B1a42233)

12...Re8?! 13.Nbd2 Be6 14.Rc1 Rc8 15.Nc4 d5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.Ba3± ½-½ Li Ruofan-Kovalevskaya,E/ Hyderabad IND 2002/ (35) ½-½ Li Ruofan-Kovalevskaya,E/ Hyderabad IND 2002/ (35);

B1a42234)

12...Bd7 13.Nbd2 Rc8 14.Rc1± Well as a result of the opening,white should be satisfied. He is slightly better, but black's solid structure should prevent any breakes in the center neither on the flanks. Well as a result of the opening,white should be satisfied. He is slightly better, but black's solid structure should prevent any breakes in the center neither on the flanks. f5?!

This move drags black into troubles. This move drags black into troubles. *(14...e5!? 15.Nc4 Be6±)*

B1a422341)

15.e5!? Be6? *(15...dxe5 16.dxe5 Be6* Black should hold the position. Black should hold the position.*)* 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Qe2±;

B1a422342)

15.exf5!? Bxf5 16.Nc4 Bh6?! *(⌓16...Rc7!?* Deserved more attention. Deserved more attention.*)* 17.Ne3!± Be4 *(17...Bd7 18.d5±)* 18.Nd2! White plays very sharp. White plays very sharp.

B1a4223421)

18...Bxe3□ 19.Rxe3 *(19.fxe3 Bf5 20.e4 Bd7 21.Nf3* Still was better for black than the game. Still was better for black than the game.*)* 19...Bd5;

B1a4223422)

18...Bd5?! 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Rxc8 Qxc8 21.Rxe7;

B1a4223423)

18...Bd3? 19.d5! Now black is almost lost! Now black is almost lost! Ne5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.Ng4 Bg5 22.Rxc6 Rxc6 23.dxc6+- 1-0 Kobalija,M-Roiz,M/Chalkidiki 2002/ (26) Sicilian Rossolimo-6.Re1 Nh6 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath, Ta];

B1b) 6...f6 7.c3 Nh6 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 0-0 10.Nc3 *(10.b3 Nf7 11.Nbd2 d6 12.Bb2 Ba6 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.b4 e5 15.Nb3 Qb6 16.Bc3 Bc4 17.Qc2 Be6 18.h3 Qa6 19.Na5 c5 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.d5 Bd7 22.Nd2 Nd6 23.a4 Bh6 24.Ra1 Kg7 25.Ndc4 Nxc4 26.Qd3 Rb8 27.Qxc4 Qxc4 28.Nxc4* 1-0 Morozevich,A-Kasimdzhanov,R/Wijk aan Zee 2002/ (69)*)* 10...d6 *(10...Nf7 11.e5 fxe5 12.dxe5 d6 13.exd6 exd6 14.Nd4 Qb6 15.Nb3 Ne5∓* 0-1 Maximov,D-Baklan,V/Alushta 2001/ (25) *)*

B1b1) 11.h3!? Nf7 *(11...Bd7!?; 11...Be6?! 12.d5! Δ♘ d4 ±; 11...g5 12.Nh2 Qe8 13.d5 c5 14.g4 Nf7 15.Nf1 h5 16.Ng3 hxg4 17.hxg4∞* ½-½ Hracek,Z-Velimirovic,D/ Novi Sad 2000/ (36) *)*

B1b11) 12.Be3

B1b111) 12...Bd7

B1b1111) 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.b3 *(14.Nd2 Qb4 15.b3 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Na4 Bd7 18.Nc4 Rae8 19.Rc2 Nh6 20.Bd2 Qb5 21.Nc3 Qf5 22.Bc1 Qf7 23.Bb2 Nf5 24.Ne4 Qd5 25.Rd2 Nh4∓* Gavrilov,A-Yakovich,Y/St-Petersburg/1993/) 14...Rad8 15.Qd2 Rfe8 16.Ne2 Qxd2 17.Nxd2 Rc8 18.f3 f5 19.Rc2 e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.Rd1 c5 22.Nc3 Bc6 23.Nf1 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.fxe4 Nf7= Vydeslaver,A-Yakovich,Y/Leeuwarden/1995/;

B1b1112) 13.Qd2

B1b11121) 13...Qa5⟳ 14.Rac1 *(14.Nd5? Qxd2 15.Nxe7+ Kh8 16.Bxd2 Rfe8-+)*

B1b111211) 14...Rfe8 15.Rb1 Rab8 16.a3 Rb7 17.Qc1 f5 18.b4 Qa6 19.Ra1 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Qb5 21.Qd2 Qf5 22.Nfg5 Rb5 23.Nxf7 Qxf7 24.Rac1 Rd5 25.Nc3 Rf5∞ Nielsen,P-Yakovich,Y/Alburg/1993/;

B1b111212) 14...Qh5 15.Ne2 *(15.Qe2 g5)* 15...g5∞;

B1b111213) 14...Rab8 15.b3±;

B1b11122) 13...Qc7 14.Rac1 Qb7 '=' Finkel,A. 15.b3 Rad8 *(15...f5 16.e5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bh6±)*

B1b111221) 16.Na4!?

B1b1112211) 16...e5 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.Ng5!±;

B1b1112212) 16...Be6!? 17.Qc2 *(17.Qa5!? Rc8 18.d5 cxd5 19.Nd4 Bd7 20.exd5 Ne5∞)* 17...Rc8 18.Bf4 Bd7!?;

B1b1112213) 16...f5 17.e5 c5 18.exd6 exd6 19.dxc5 Bc6!↑ *(19...Bxa4 20.bxa4 dxc5 21.Qa5 Qb4 22.Qxa7 Ra8 23.Bxc5±)*;

B1b1112214) 16...c5 17.dxc5 Bxa4 18.bxa4 dxc5 *(18...Qxe4 19.c6 Qxa4 20.Nd4±)* 19.Qc2±;

B1b111222)

16.Qc2 f5! 17.e5 c5! *(17...dxe5 Vorotnikov 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Bh6→)* 18.exd6 *(18.e6!? Bxe6 19.dxc5 Ne5!? 20.Ng5 Bd7∞)* 18...exd6 19.Rcd1! *(19.dxc5 Bc6↑ 20.cxd6 Bxf3 21.gxf3 Ne5 22.Red1 Nxf3+ 23.Kf1 Nh2+∓)* 19...Bc6 0-1 Spasov,V-Svidler,P/Yerevan 1996/ (40);

B1b112) 12...Qa5 13.Nd2 Rb8 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.f4?! *(15.a3!?)* 15...Qh5 16.Nf1 e5⇄ 0-1 Zaitsev,V-Samojlov,A/Rybinsk 2001/ (42);

B1b113) 12...f5!?;

B1b114) 12...Qb6 Postny: 'The beginning of a dubious queen manoeuvre.' 13.b3 Qb7 Postny: 'In this stage of the game black plays passively, allowing white to develope his pieces in optimum way and get the initiative on the queenside.' *(Again 13...f5 seems to be the better choice.)* 14.Rc1 Bd7 15.Nd2 Rad8 *(One more time 15...f5!?)* 16.Nc4 Qa6 17.Qd2 e5 Postny: 'This plan is also possible for black, but here it leads to a worse position.' *(Again 17...f5 should have been prefered.)* 18.dxe5 *(Also favourable for white is 18.Red1 f5 19.dxe5 dxe5 20.Qc2±)* 18...fxe5 1-0 Anand,V-Taleb,M/Dubai UAE 2002/ (38) Black should be satisfied with the opening results.;

B1b12) 12.b3!± e5 *(12...Qa5 13.Bb2 e5 14.Rc1 Qa6 15.Rc2 Rb8 16.Na4 Be6 17.Rd2±)* Iordachescu Viorel-Vlad Decebal/Ch Romania (team), Romania 1995 (37) 13.Bb2 Qb6 was necessary. 14.Rc1 Ba6 15.Rc2 Rfe8 16.d5 c5 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Bc3 f5 Arhipov-Jakovic/Rossija/1994;

B1b13) 12.Bf4?! Qa5 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.Rad1 Qh5 15.Qd3 g5 16.Bg3 Qg6 17.h4 h6⇄ 1-0 Ribeiro,F-Hernandez,T/Cienfuegos 1996/ (56);

B1b14) 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.Be3 *(⩲13.b3! Δ♗b2)* 13...Qa5∞ Yudasin-Morovic/Leon/1993;

B1b2) 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Bd2 Bd7 13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Rad1 Rac8 15.Bc1 Qb7 16.e5

fxe5∓ Sulskis,S-Svidler,P/EU-chTM 1997 (24);

B1b3) 11.b3 Nf7 12.Bb2

B1b31) 12...Qa5 13.Nd2 Ba6⇄ Sutovskij,E-Shishkin,V/MK Cafe Cup-A 1999 *(13...Be6 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Nc4 Qa6)*;

B1b32) 12...Bb7?! 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.Na4 Qa5 15.Nd2 Ba6 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Qc2± 1-0 Miroshnichenko,E-Smetankin,S/Polanica Zdroj 2001/ (65);

B1b33) 12...Qb6 13.h3 Bd7?! *(13...e5* was necessary. *)* 14.e5

B1b331) 14...fxe5 15.Na4! *(15.dxe5?! Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxf2+ 17.Kh1 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 dxe5 19.Qxd7 Qxb2-+)* 15...Qc7 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Nc5±;

B1b332) 14...Ng5 15.Nxg5 fxg5 16.Ne4 *(≤16.e6* White must not reduce the tension *Bc8∓)* 16...g4? trying to complicate the position. However, trying to recover the pawn, black loses too much precious time *(⌓16...dxe5 17.dxe5 Rad8 18.Qe2 h6 19.Rad1 Bf5±)* 17.hxg4 Rf4 18.exd6 exd6

B1b3321) 19.g5 Raf8 *(19...Bf5 20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.gxf6+-)* 20.Qd2±;

B1b3322) 19.Qd2 Rxg4

B1b33221) also interesting was: ⌓20.Nxd6! Bxd4 *(20...Qc7± 21.Nc4 Rf8 22.Ne5 Rgf4 23.Re2)* 21.Re7 Bf5 22.Nxf5 gxf5 23.Rae1+-;

B1b33222) 20.d5 without the dark squared ♗ black's ♔ position should become critical. However, black manages to cover the dark squares 20...Bf5 21.Nxd6 1-0 Lutz,C-Handke,F/Altenkirchen 2001/ (44);

B1b34) 12...Bd7

B1b341) 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.h3 Rad8 15.Qe2 Rfe8 *(15...Kh8 16.e5 Bc8 17.Na4 Qa5 18.Bc3 Qb5=* 0-1 Savic,M-Alexandrova,O/Belgrade 2001/ (33)*)* 16.e5 Be6 17.d5! cxd5 18.Na4 Qb7 19.Nd4 Ng5 20.h4+- *(20.exf6? exf6 21.Qb5 Qxb5 22.Nxb5±*

1-0 Oratovsky,M-Gallagher,J/Lisbon 2000/ (63) *)*;
B1b342) 13.h3 e5 14.Qc2 exd4 15.Nxd4 f5 16.Rad1 f4 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.Ne2 Ne5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Ba3 Qxa3 21.Rxd7± 0-1 Miroshnichenko,E-Shalimov,V/Alushta 2000/ (34);
B1b343) 13.Qd3 Qa5 14.Nd2 Rad8 15.Rad1 Bc8 16.Qc2 Ba6 17.a3 Qb6 18.b4 Rfe8 19.Nb3 Rc8± 1-0 Shchekachev,A-Wallart,A/Fourmies 2001/ (32);
B1b344) 13.Qc2 Qa5 14.h3 *(14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Nc4 Qa6 16.Rad1 Be6 17.Ne3 Bh6 18.Qb1 Rfe8 19.d5±* Illescas Cordoba,M-Kramnik,V/Alcobendas/ 1995/ *)*
B1b3441) 14...f5?!
B1b34411) 15.e5! dxe5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Nd5→ Bxb2 *(18...Qxd5 19.Rad1+-)* 19.Nxe7+ Kf7 20.Qxb2 Rae8 21.Re5+-;
B1b34412) 15.exf5 Bxf5⇄;
B1b3442) 14...Rfe8 15.Ne2 Rac8 16.Bc3 Qa6 17.Qb2 e5 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.Rad1 Be6 *(19...Bh8!* Protecting the bishop. *)* 20.Nf4 Bd7 21.Nd3 g5 *(21...Re7!=)* 22.Nc5 dxc5 23.Rxd7 h6 24.Red1 Akopian,V-Ponomariov,R/Moscow/2002/ 1-0 (61);
B1b4) 11.Qa4!? Qb6 12.Nd2!± Fischer-Spassky/Sveti Stefan,Beograd/1992 Sicilian Rossolimo-9.d4 cd4 9.cd4 0-0 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta];
B2) 4...dxc6
B2a) 5.0-0?! Bg7 *(5...Bg4 6.d3 Bg7 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Nd7 10.Be3 0-0 11.c3 e5* 0-1 Ljubojevic,L-Kramnik,V/Monte Carlo 1995/ (44) Doesn't promise white much. Ftacnik: 'Doesn't promise white much.'*)* 6.d3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.Re1 Ne8 9.e5 Nc7 10.Be3 b6 11.Qc1 f5 12.exf6 exf6 13.Bh6 Be6 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nc3 Qd7⇄ 0-1 Antonio,R-Vladimirov,E/Aden YEM 2002/ (38);
B2b) 5.d3 Rabinovich,Al: 'It is better to wait with 0-0,since in some variations king should be castled long side.' Oratovsky,M: 'It is more accurate than 5 h3?! which allows black to play 5...e5 immediately, before having to develope his king's bishop. In any case white has nothing to

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B2b1) 5...Bg4 Oratovsky, M: 'Usualy black plays ♗g7. After ♗g4 white has a sligtly better position, but black has increased his chances to reach equality.' Ftacnik: 'Oratovsky,M: 'Usualy black plays ♗g7. After ♗g4 white has a sligtly better position, but black has increased his chances to reach equality."

B2b11) 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.0-0 e5 8.Be3 b6 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qd6 11.a4 Nf6 12.Nb1!? 0-0 13.Nd2 Nd7 14.Qg3 Qe7 15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.Nc4 Bf6!? Preventing f4 Ftacnik: 'Preventing f4' 17.Qg4 h5 18.Qd1 b5 19.Na5 Rac8 20.Qa1 Nb6 21.b3 Bg7 22.Qc3 Bf8 23.Ra1± Fierro Baquero,M-Ptacnikova,L/WchJW-U18 1994/0-1 (59) Ftacnik: ' Fierro Baquero, M-Ptacnikova,L/WchJW-U18 1994/0-1 (59)';

B2b12) 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Bg7 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.Nc4 Nd7 10.Qg3 Nb6 11.Ne3 c4?! *(11...0-0!?* and black is OK,because of disgarmony in placement of whites minor pieses Ftacnik: 'and black is OK,because of disgarmony in placement of whites minor pieses'*)* 12.Nxc4 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Qd4 14.Qd3 0-0-0 15.Qe2± Rublevsky,S-Kozul,Z/EUCup f 1996/1-0 (53) black has not enough compensation for sacrifised pawn Ftacnik: ' Rublevsky,S-Kozul,Z/EUCup f 1996/1-0 (53)' Ftacnik: 'black has not enough compensation for sacrifised pawn';

B2b13) 6.Bd2 Bg7 7.Bc3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 e5 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nf6 11.0-0-0 Qe7 12.Qe3 0-0-0 13.f4 exf4 14.Qxf4 Nd7 15.Rd2 Ne5 16.Nd1 Rd4 17.Nc3 Rhd8 18.Rhd1 c4

19.dxc4 Rxd2 20.Rxd2 Rxd2 21.Qxd2 Nxc4 22.Qd4 Qg5+ 23.Kb1 Qe3 24.Qd1 Nd2+ 25.Ka1 Nxe4 26.Nxe4 Qxe4 0-1 Socko,B-Cyborowski,L/Warsaw 2004/ (102);

B2b14) 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.h3 *(7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 0-0 10.Qe2 e5 11.Nc4 Nd7 12.a4 Qe7 13.Bd2 b6 14.Bc3 Rfd8 15.Qe1 Nf8 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Rxf4± ½-½* Adams,M-Gelfand,B/Dos Hermanas 1999/ (42) Ftacnik: '½-½ Adams,M-Gelfand,B/Dos Hermanas 1999/ (42)'*)* 7...Bxf3 8.Nxf3± *(8.Qxf3 Nf6 9.Nc4 Nd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qg3 Nb6 12.Ne3 Qd6 13.Qh4 c4!? 14.Nxc4 Nxc4 15.dxc4 Qe6=* ½-½ Kindermann,S-Degraeve,J/Chalkidiki 2002/ (25) Ftacnik: '½-½ Kindermann,S-Degraeve,J/Chalkidiki 2002/ (25)' *)*

B2b141) 8...e5 9.Be3 Qe7 10.Qd2 *(10.0-0 Nf6 11.a3 0-0 12.Qd2 b6 13.b4 c4 14.Qc3 cxd3 15.cxd3 Rac8 16.a4 c5 17.Rfc1 Nh5 18.bxc5 Nf4 19.Bxf4 exf4 20.e5 Rxc5 21.Qe1 g5 22.Rxc5 bxc5 23.Qe4± 1-0* Sulskis,S-Agamaliev,G/Bydgoszcz 1999/ (40)*)*

10...Nf6 11.Qc3 Nd7 12.a4 f5 13.Qb3 Rb8 14.a5 f4 15.Bd2 Bf6 16.h4 Qf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.g3 fxg3 19.fxg3 with better chances in arising endgame Ftacnik: 'with better chances in arising endgame' h6 20.Ke2± Tseshkovsky,V-Ivanovic,B/JUG-chT 1997/½-½ (71) Ftacnik: ' Tseshkovsky,V-Ivanovic,B/JUG-chT 1997/½-½ (71)';

B2b142) 8...Nf6

B2b1421) 9.0-0 0-0

B2b14211) 10.Be3 c4 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bg5 *(12.dxc4 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Qa5 14.Qe1∞)* 12...cxd3 13.Qxd3 h6 14.Bh4 Qb6= 1-0 Kindermann,S-Schmittdiel,E/Austria 2003/EXT 2004 (47). (46) Ftacnik: '1-0 Kindermann,S-Schmittdiel,E/Austria 2003/EXT 2004 (47). (46)';

B2b14212) 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 b6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Rad1 Ne8 14.c3 e5 15.Qc2 Qe7 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 Nd6 18.e5 Nf5 19.Qe4 cxd4 20.Bxd4=

½-½ Baklan,V-Guseinov,K/Batumi 2002/ (149) Ftacnik: '½-½ Baklan,V-Guseinov,K/Batumi 2002/ (149)';
B2b14213) 10.Qe2 Ne8 11.Be3 b6 12.c3 Now black has no time to transfer his knight to e6, so the e5 move is forced. Ftacnik: 'Now black has no time to transfer his knight to e6, so the e5 move is forced.' e5 13.Rfd1 Qe7
B2b142131) 14.a4 Nc7 *(14...a5 15.b4!)* 15.a5 Ne6 16.Qc2 Rfd8=;
B2b142132) 14.Rac1 Nc7 15.b4!? *(15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Qxe4 17.dxc5 Nd5⇄)*
B2b1421321) 15...cxb4 16.cxb4 Qxb4 17.Rxc6 Ne6 18.Qc2!?± with a slightly better ending. Ftacnik: 'with a slightly better ending.' *(18.Rdc1 Rad8 19.Ng5 Nd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4 21.Nf3 Rd7=)*;
B2b1421322) 15...Ne6 16.Qb2 *(16.bxc5 Nxc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.d4 Qe7=)* 16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qb3 Kh8 19.Re1 Rg8 *(19...f4 20.Bd2 Qd6 21.Qc4 Rad8 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.d4±)* 20.bxc5 1-0 McShane,L-Schmittdiel,E/Germany 2003/ (66);
B2b1422) 9.Qe2 Nd7 10.0-0 e5 11.Be3 Qe7 12.c3 Nf8 13.a3 Ne6 14.b4 0-0 15.Rfd1 b6 16.Qb2 Rfe8 17.b5 cxb5 18.Qxb5 Rad8 19.a4∞ 1-0 Ovetchkin,R-Vasiliev,V/Tula 2003/ (42);
B2b1423) 9.Be3
B2b14231) 9...c4!? 10.e5 *(10.Bd4 cxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0=)* 10...Nd7 *(10...Nd5 11.dxc4 Nxe3 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.fxe3±)* 11.d4 *(11.e6!? fxe6 12.c3!? cxd3 13.Qxd3⩱)* 11...Nf8 *(11...Nb6 12.b3 Qd5 13.0-0∞)* 12.Qd2 Ne6=;
B2b14232) 9...Nd7 10.Qd2 b6

B2b142321) Last attempt to get an advantage was Ftacnik: 'Last attempt to get an advantage was' 11.0-0-0!? Ne5 *(11...0-0 12.Bh6↑)* 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.f4 Bd4 14.c3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3±;

B2b142322) 11.d4 cxd4 12.Bxd4 e5= Now the position is completly equal. 13.Be3 Nf8 14.0-0-0 *(14.Qc3 Qc7 15.0-0-0 Ne6 16.Qa3 Bf8=)* 14...Ne6 15.h4 Qxd2+ 16.Rxd2 Ke7 17.Ng5 Rad8 18.Nxe6 Kxe6 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.h5 b5 21.hxg6 Ivanchuk,V-Gelfand,B/Rubinstein mem/1998/;

B2b2) 5...Bg7 Die Frage ist: ♗g4 oder nicht? Die Meinungen gehen auseinander. Erenburg: 'In this variation one of the black's biggest problems is his light-squared bishop. Ftacnik: 'Die Frage ist: ♗g4 oder nicht? Die Meinungen gehen auseinander.' Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'In this variation one of the black's biggest problems is his light-squared bishop. '

B2b21) 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nd7 8.Nc4 b6 9.h3 Nf8 10.Nh2 Ba6 11.Kh1 e5 12.b3 Ne6 13.Nf3 f6 14.Bd2 0-0= 0-1 Campora,D-Kharlov,A/Malaga 1999/ (30);

B2b22) 6.0-0 is also possible: Ftacnik: 'is also possible:' Bg4

B2b221) 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Nc4 Nd7 9.Ne3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Nf8 11.Rd1 Ne6 12.c3 Qd7 13.a4 0-0 14.h4 h5 *(14...Rad8!?)* 15.g4∞ ½-½ Yudasin,L-Kramnik,V/Moscow 1994/ (65) Ftacnik: '½-½ Yudasin,L-Kramnik,V/Moscow 1994/ (65)';

B2b222) 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 0-1 Smirin,I-Kramnik,V/Moscow 1995/ (67);

B2b23) 6.Nc3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nf6

B2b231) 9.0-0 e5 *(9...Nd7 10.Be3 0-0 11.a3 a5 12.a4 b6 13.Rab1 Re8 14.Ne2 Nf8 15.h4 e5 16.h5 Ne6=* Yudasin,L-Spasov,V/EUCup Gr1 1996/½-½ (57) Ftacnik: ' Yudasin,L-Spasov,V/EUCup Gr1 1996/½-½ (57)*')* 10.Nd1 trying to bring the knight to c4 which doesn't give any advantage as well

Ftacnik: 'trying to bring the knight to c4 which doesn't give any advantage as well' Nd7 11.Ne3 Nf8 12.a4 Ne6 13.Nc4 0-0 14.Bd2 a5 15.Rfe1 Nd4= ½-½ Sulskis,S-Sutovsky,E/Koszalin 1999/ Ftacnik: '½-½ Sulskis,S-Sutovsky,E/Koszalin 1999/';

B2b232) 9.Qe2 e5 10.Be3 Jakovenko already had experience in this line, in 2003 he played it against Bocharov and lost, this time he changes the move order Ftacnik: 'Jakovenko already had experience in this line, in 2003 he played it against Bocharov and lost, this time he changes the move order' *(10.0-0 0-0 11.a4 Nd7 12.Be3 a5 13.Rae1 Qe7 14.Qd2 Rfd8∞* 0-1 Jakovenko,D-Bocharov,D/Togliatti 2003/ (40)*)* 10...Nd7 11.0-0 Qe7 12.a3 white doesn't play b4 so probably this move is not needed Ftacnik: 'white doesn't play b4 so probably this move is not needed' *(12.f4* would be answered by Ftacnik: 'would be answered by' *exf4* similar to the game Ftacnik: 'similar to the game' *)* 12...0-0 *(12...Nf8* also deserves attention Ftacnik: 'also deserves attention' *13.b4 Ne6 14.Na4 b6* with the idea to counter Ftacnik: 'with the idea to counter' *15.bxc5* with Ftacnik: 'with' *b5)* 13.Kh1 b6 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.Rae1 Rfe8 the position looks totally equal Ftacnik: 'the position looks totally equal' 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Be5 18.Qf2 *(18.Bg5 f6 19.Be3 Nf8* doesn't give anything for white Ftacnik: 'doesn't give anything for white'*)* 18...Bxf4 19.Qxf4 Ne5 1-0 Jakovenko,D-Filippov,V/Tomsk 2004/ (79) black has no problems and it looks as the game would quickly be drawn Ftacnik: 'black has no problems and it looks as the game would quickly be drawn';

B2b24) 6.h3 Rabinovich, Al: 'This move is not really nessasary,since ♗g4 will lead to small but clear advantage for white. The idea behind 6.h3 is mostly to wait for black's

knight development and after that to choose his own plan. This position is being tested nowdays on the highest levels.Black mostly plays here 6... ♘f6 but other possibilities like the one in the game are playble.' Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich,Al: 'This move is not really nessasary,since ♗g4 will lead to small but clear advantage for white.The idea behind 6.h3 is mostly to wait for black's knight development and after that to choose his own plan. This position is being tested nowdays on the highest levels.Black mostly plays here 6...♘f6 but other possibilities like the one in the game are playble."

B2b241) 6...b6 Gofshtein,L: 'Defending the weak c5 pawn in advance and preparing the advance e5' Erenburg: 'But first of all, black defends his c5 pawn, saving all the options of the development.'

B2b2411) 7.0-0 Nh6 Strangely enough, but I managed to find only one game in my database, where the present position has been occured. *(More common reply is 7...e5)* 8.Bd2? *(8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be3 f6 10.a3 a5 11.Nh2 e5 12.Qd2 Nf7 13.Rab1 a4 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Be6 16.Kh1 f5=* 1-0 Jakovenko,D-Cherniaev,A/ Krasnodar 2002/ (61) *)*

B2b24111) △8...0-0? 9.Qc1;

B2b24112) In my opinion Black could have bravely took the b2-pawn. 8...Bxb2! 9.Bxh6 *(9.Nc3 Bxa1 10.Qxa1 Ng8 11.Nd5 f6∓; 9.Na3 Ng8 10.Nc4 Bxa1 11.Qxa1 Nf6∓)* 9...Bxa1 10.c3 Ba6 11.Ne1 Qd7! with clear advantage.;

B2b24113) 8...f6? 9.e5 0-0 10.exf6 exf6 11.Bc3 Nf7= 12.Nbd2 Nd6! Black's knight is perfectly placed on d6, controling the important c4 and e4 squares and at he same time black is threatening 13... ♘b5. 13.b3 Be6 *(⩲13...Nb5 14.Bb2)* 14.Re1 Qd7

B2b241131) ⌓15.Ne4 Nb5 16.Bb2 △Rae8 *(⌓16...Nd4)* 17.c4 Nd4 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Ba3 c5 20.b4!;

B2b241132) 15.Nc4?! Nf5!∓ *(* Certainly much weaker *≤15...Nxc4 16.bxc4)* 16.Qd2 *(16.Ne3 Nd4)* 16...Bd5 17.Nh2 Bh6! *(17...Nd4* was another interesting option.*)* 18.Ne3? *(△18.f4 Qc7 19.Rf1 Ng3 20.Ng4 Bxf4∓; ⌓18.Qd1 Nd4 19.Ng4 Bg7 20.Nge3 Bf7∓)*

B2b2411321) Here Teimour had missed a great tactical opportunity: 18...Bxg2!! A terrific blow, which decides the game immediately.

B2b24113211) 19.Kxg2 Nh4+ 20.Kh1 *(20.Kg3 Qd6+ 21.Kxh4 Bg5+ 22.Kg4 Qf4#)* 20...Qxh3 21.Qe2 Bf4 22.f3 Rae8-+;

B2b24113212) 19.Nhg4 Bf3! 20.Nxf6+ Rxf6 21.Bxf6 Nd4-+;

B2b2411322) 18...Nxe3? 19.fxe3 Rae8 20.Qf2= 0-1 Shirov,A-Radjabov,T/Leon 2004/ (32);

B2b2412) 7.Nc3

B2b24121) 7...Nh6 8.Be3 f6 9.0-0 e5 10.a3 a5 *(10...0-0 11.b4 cxb4 12.axb4 Nf7 13.Nd2 f5 14.f3 Be6 15.Qe2 Qe7 16.Ra4 Rad8 17.Rfa1 Rd7 18.b5 c5 19.Nc4 Rb7 20.Bf2 f4∓* ½-½ Kabanov,N-Arutunian,D/ Yerevan ARM 2000/ (56) *)* 11.Na4 Rb8 12.b4 cxb4 13.axb4 b5 14.Nc5 a4 15.d4 Nf7 16.Qe2 0-0 17.c4 Nd6 18.Rfd1± Qe7 19.cxb5 cxb5 20.dxe5 fxe5 21.Bg5± 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Iskusnyh,S/St Petersburg 1999/ (71);

B2b24122) 7...e5 Erenburg: 'preventing possible breakthrough d3-d4 in the future.'

B2b241221) 8.Be3 Erenburg: 'This move saves the aggressive option

of the long castle. White has tried also' Ne7 Erenburg: 'The disadvantage of this develop of knight, that it can't be transfered easily to d4.' *(* Black still has possibility to develop the knight to f6 after *8...Qe7* 1-0 Bezold,M-Wells, P/Pulvermuehle 2000/ (31) *)*

B2b2412211)

9.Qd2 h6

B2b24122111)

10.a4 a5 11.g4 h5 12.Rg1 hxg4 13.hxg4 Be6 14.Qe2 Qd7 15.Nd2 0-0-0 16.0-0-0⇄ ½-½ Malakhov,V-Gasimov,R/Holon 1995/EXT 97 (51);

B2b24122112)

10.Nh2 Be6 11.Rd1 *(11.0-0-0 Qd7 12.Kb1 0-0-0 13.Qe2 f5⇄ 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Rhe8 16.Qd2 Qb7!? 17.fxe5 Bxe5* ½-½ Adams, M-Kramnik,V/Las Vegas 1999/ (17)*)* 11...Qd7 12.a3 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ng6 16.Nf3 0-0-0⇄ ½-½ Brodsky,M-Khasin,A/Rishon Le Ziyyon 1997/ (38);

B2b24122113)

10.g4 Be6 11.0-0-0 Qc7 *(11...Qd7 12.Rhg1 0-0-0= 13.Kb1 f6 14.Na4 Kb8 15.Qc3 Nc8 16.Nh4 Qf7 17.b3 Nd6⇄* 1-0 Nisipeanu,L-Halkias,S/Istanbul 2003/ (51)*)* 12.Qe2 g5 13.Kb1 Ng6 14.Nd2 Nf4⇄ 1-0 Salem,I-Ruiz,G/Guines 1994/ (35);

B2b2412212) 9.a3 After black closes the center with e7-e5, white's typical idea in this position is to realize the breakthrough on the queenside through b2-b4. a5 Of course black prevents from white to develop the initiative on the queenside. 10.0-0 a4N Black is "freezing" the queenside and intends to play on another side of board. In the previous games black continued *(10...f5?!*

½-½ Sandipan,C-Bu Xiangzhi/Qingdao 2002/(23) *)* 11.Nh2 White didn't succeed to provide b2-b4 on the queenside, so he prepares the breakthrough on the kingside- f2-f4.

B2b24122121)

11...0-0 12.Qd2 Be6 13.Bh6 c4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.f4!

B2b241221211)

too dangerous for black was to play Ftacnik: 'too dangerous for black was to play '

15...cxd3 16.f5! *(16.fxe5 dxc2∓)* 16...gxf5 17.Qg5+ Kh8 *(17...Ng6 18.Qxd8 Raxd8 19.exf5 Bc4 20.fxg6 dxc2±)* 18.Qf6+ *(18.exf5 f6∓)* 18...Kg8 19.exf5 *(19.Qg5+=)* 19...Nxf5 20.Rxf5 Bxf5 21.Qxf5 dxc2 22.Ng4↑;

B2b241221212)

15...exf4 16.Qxf4 *(16.d4 g5)* 16...cxd3 17.Rad1 Qd4+ 18.Kh1 This is safer than Ftacnik: 'This is safer than' *(18.Rf2 f5 19.Rxd3 Qc5 20.Qd6 fxe4 21.Qxc5 bxc5 22.Nxe4 Rxf2 23.Kxf2 Bf5↑)* 18...f5 *(18...Bc4 19.Nf3 Qc5 20.cxd3 Bb3 21.Rc1±)* 19.Rxd3 Qc5 From now on Svidler manages to find the only moves not to lose the game by forse. Ftacnik: 'From now on Svidler manages to find the only moves not to lose the game by forse.' 20.Re1 Ra7 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Rf3

B2b2412212121)

22...Nd5 23.Nxd5 cxd5 *(23...Qxd5 24.g4 Raf7 25.gxf5 Rxf5 26.Re7+ Kg8 27.Qh6+-)* 24.Qe5+ Kg8 25.Ng4 *(25.c3 Raf7 26.Rf4±)* 25...Bxg4 26.Rxf8+ Qxf8 27.Qxd5+ Kg7 28.hxg4**±**;

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22...Ng8 23.Nxa4 *(23.Re5 Bxc2□ 24.Rxc5 Rxf4 25.Rxc6±* with a better ending, but

probably white hopes for more! Ftacnik: 'with a better ending, but probably white hopes for more!') 23...Qxc2 24.Nxb6 Qxb2 25.Nc4 Qf6 ½-½ Zhang Zhong-Svidler,P/Wijk aan Zee 2004/ (58) Sicilian Rossolimo-5.d3 Bg7 6.h3 e5 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik] Ftacnik: '½-½ Zhang Zhong-Svidler,P/Wijk aan Zee 2004/ (58)';

B2b24122122)

11...h6 preventing from white the option of trading the dark-squared bishops on h6.

B2b241221221)

Comes to consideration: 12.Qd2 preventing the castle.;

B2b241221222)

White doesn't get anything special after 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 f5 , but, also doen't get a worse position as it happened in the game. *(13...0-0!?)*;

B2b241221223)

12.h4?!

White intends at the some moment to play h4-h5 in order to weaken black's king position. But, on the other hand, he robes from himself the option of the breakthrough f2-f4. So this move is very responsible, and I'm not sure, that it isn't mistake. 12...0-0 13.Qd2 *(*After *13.h5* black can reply with *f5!)* 13...Kh7 14.h5?!

White gives black the pawn, but it isn't so clear what he will get as compensation for it. But if not to play this move, what to do? The possibility of f2-f4 is not recommended anymore. Overmore, black was ready to realize the breakthrough f7-f5... gxh5 15.f4 f5 16.fxe5 Ng6 17.Rf2 *(17.Rae1 Nxe5 18.exf5 Bxf5∓)* 17...Qe7 18.Raf1 Qxe5 19.Nf3 Qg3

B2b2412212231)

20.Nh2 fxe4 21.Nxe4 *(21.Rxf8*

Nxf8 22.Nxe4 Qg6∓) 21...Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Qe5∓;

B2b2412212232) 20.exf5 Bxf5∓ Black is a pawn up, he has a pair of powerful bishops, but his advantage is not too big, due to doubeld pawns on the "h" and "c" files. 21.Ne2 *(21.Nh2 Be6 22.Rxf8 Nxf8∓)* 21...Qd6 22.Ng5+?! *(⌓22.Nc3)* 22...hxg5 23.Rxf5 Rae8 *(23...Bxb2 24.Rxg5 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Qf6+ 26.Kg1 Bxa3 27.Rxh5+ Kg8 28.c3* and the position is not so clear, due to vulnerable position of the black king.*)* 24.Rxf8? White has more chances after *(⌓24.Rxg5 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Qh2∓)* 24...Rxf8 25.Rxf8 Qxf8∓ 0-1 Zhang Pengxiang-Bu Xiangzhi / Yongchuan 2003/ (42) Now black is a whole pawn up without any compensation for white.;

B2b2412213) 9.0-0 Completing the development and preparing a breakthrough on the queenside. Another possible move - 9.Qd2 leads to a double edged positions as the practice shows. 9...h6 10.a3 White chooses a plan which involves the advance of pawns on the queenside. Other possibility 10.Nh2 allows black a counter play *(10.Nh2 Be6 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 g5 13.Bg3 Qd7 14.Kh1 0-0-0 15.Nf3 f5⇄* 0-1 Sanduleac,V-Kotronias,V / Istanbul 2003/ (41) *)* 10...a5?! Black defends while it was neccesary to counter-attack. For example after 10... 0-0 with a further 11...f5 black creates a serious counterplay *(10...0-0!? 11.Nd2 Be6 12.Ne2 f5 13.f4 exf4 14.Nxf4 Bf7 15.Rb1 fxe4*

16.Nxe4 Nd5⇄ 1-0 Nedev,T-Tzermiadianos,A/Istanbul 2003/ (27) *)* 11.Na4 This is how white prepares the breakthrough b2-b4 opening lines on the queenside *(11.Qd2!?)* 11...f5 *(11...Rb8 12.Qd2 f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 e4 16.Rae1 0-0 17.dxe4 Nxe3=* ½-½ Peng Xiaomin-Ni Hua/Shanghai 2001/ (28)*)* 12.b4 *(12.exf5 Nxf5⇄)* 12...f4 Throwing the white bishop away and preparing the attack on the kingside 13.Bd2 cxb4 14.axb4 axb4 15.Bxb4 c5 16.Bc3 Looking at the e5 pawn

B2b24122131)

16...Nc6 17.Qb1 Bd7 18.Qb3↑ *(18.Qxb6? Rxa4)*;

B2b24122132)

16...Qc7

Another possible defence: 16...Nc6 gave white the initiative after: 17.Bb2!? White frees the c3 square for the knight *(17.Nxb6 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Qxb6 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Qxe5 Rf8)* 17...0-0 18.c4 Preparing the transfer of the knight to d5 g5 Black tries to create counterplay on the kingside 19.Nc3 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 g4 Black tries to start the complications immideatly. But also in case of a cautious 20...Ng6 white has the better chances due to his active knight on d5 and the pressure over the b-file *(20...Ng6 21.Nd5 Qd6 22.Rb1 g4 23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.Bc3↑)* 21.Nb5! Qc6 22.hxg4 Bxg4 23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.Bxe5± 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Iskusnyh,S/Tomsk 2004/ (39) Black has sacrificed the pawn but didn't get enough compensation for it;

B2b241222) 8.0-0

B2b2412221) 8...f6 9.a3 Now white

may use the fact that his darksquared bishop is still on c1 and the advance f4 without losing tempo by Be3 according my game with Kotronias. In my opinion this is the best plan here. *(9.Nh2! Nh6 10.f4 exf4 11.Bxf4 0-0 12.Qd2 Nf7 13.Nf3 Be6 14.a4!* an important intermediate. Before the breakthrough in the centre, white first weakens black's queenside. *a5 15.Rad1 Qd7 16.Kh1 Rae8 17.Qf2 Re7 18.d4 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Qb7 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Qd4! Rfe8 22.Qc4 Bf8 23.Rd3 Bc5 24.Rfd1 Qc8 25.Rd7 R8e7 26.Rxe7 Bxe7 27.Nd5 Bd8 28.Be3 Ne5 29.Qc3 Qb8 30.Nxb6!+-* Oratovsky,M-Kotronias,V Lisboa 2001 1-0 *)* 9...Nh6 10.b4 cxb4 11.axb4 Nf7 12.Be3?!
Black's setup is connected with counterplay on the kingside after f5-f4 then g5 or ♘g5. So deserved attention *(12.Bb2!? 0-0 13.Ra4* and if black plays f5, the pawn e5 becomes an object for the attack. *)*
B2b24122211)
12...0-0 13.Ra4 f5 14.Qa1 *(14.exf5 gxf5)* 14...f4 15.Bc1 Ng5↑;
B2b24122212)
12...f5 13.Qb1?! *(13.exf5 gxf5 14.Re1 0-0 15.Bd2∞)* 13...f4 14.Bd2 0-0 *(* after *14...Ng5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.Kh2 Qh4 17.f3 Qg3+ 18.Kh1 Bxh3 19.gxh3 Qxh3+* white cannot escape from perpetual, but black goes for more!*; 14...g5!? 15.b5 h5 16.bxc6 g4 17.Nh2 gxh3 18.g3↑)* 15.Qb3 Qe7! Now the white king is in danger! *(15...Kh8)*
B2b241222121)
deserved serious attention attempt to

keep blacks bishop protecting "c" pawn 16.Qc4 **B2b2412221211)** 16...Be6?! 17.Qxc6 Rac8 18.Rxa7! *(18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Rxc2 20.b5±)* 18...Qxa7 19.Qxe6 Rfe8 20.Qb3**±**; **B2b2412221212)** 16...Bd7 17.Ra6⇄; **B2b241222122)** 16.Nb1?! There is no time for such moves. 16...Be6 17.Qb2 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Qxg5 19.Kh2 Rf6 20.Rh1 Qh5 21.f3 g5 0-1 Cherniaev,A-Kotronias,V/Hastings 2003/(38); **B2b2412222)** 8...Ne7 9.a3 Rabinovich,Al: 'Since black bishop on g7 is temporary closed the idea of playing b4 is typical. ' a5 **B2b24122221)** 10.Nh2 0-0 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 f5 13.Kh1 ½-½ Golubovic,B-Jelen,I/Nova Gorica 1998/ (13); **B2b24122222)** 10.Be3 Ftacnik: '!?' Ftacnik: 'idea of GM Rublevsky' f5?! Ftacnik: '½-½ Sandipan,C-Bu Xiangzhi/Qingdao 2002/ (23) ' Black doesn't spend any time for 10...h6 and directly attacks the center.But it appears to be not accurate. *(10...h6 11.Qd2!?)* 11.Na4? This move allows black to organize. *(11.b4! f4 12.Bd2 axb4 13.axb4 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 cxb4 15.Ne2±)* 11...Rb8 12.Rb1 Qc7= The position is equal,but if white won't play actively black will castle and get better game. 13.b4! *(13.c3 0-0 14.b4 fxe4∓)* 13...axb4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Rxb4 c5 The last 4 moves were forced for both sides. 16.Rb2 **B2b241222221)** 16...0-0?! Dangerous for black.... **B2b2412222211)** 17.Qb1! fxe4 18.dxe4 Bxh3 19.Rxb6 **B2b24122222111)** 19...c4 20.gxh3 Rxb6 21.Qxb6

(21.Bxb6 Qc6) 21...Qxb6 22.Nxb6 Rxf3 23.Kg2± ;

B2b24122222112)

19...Rxb6 20.Qxb6 Qxb6 21.Nxb6 Rxf3 22.gxf3 Bxf1 23.Kxf1 h5 24.Bxc5 Nc6± /± ;

B2b2412222212)

17.Bg5 Nc6∓ ;

B2b241222222)

16...f4! Again the best move. 17.Bd2

B2b2412222221)

17...0-0?! 18.Nxb6 Rxb6 19.Ba5 Rff6 20.Qa1 Qb8 21.Bxb6 Rxb6 22.Qa2+ Kh8 *(22...Be6 23.Qxe6++-)* 23.Ng5⩲ ;

B2b2412222222)

17...b5!

Black shows some sharp defence!

18.Qb1 Bd7?!

Misses good chance. *(18...Ra8! 19.Nc3 b4 20.Ne2 0-0∓)* 19.Nc3 Qc6 *(19...b4!? 20.Ne2 ⩲0-0! 21.Qa2+ Kh8 22.Ng5 Qd6 23.Nf7+?? Rxf7 24.Qxf7 Be6-+)* 20.Qa2 Be6 21.Qb1

B2b24122222221)

21...b4

Last attempt to keep playing.

22.Ng5!? *(22.Ne2 0-0 23.c3!? b3 24.c4±)* 22...0-0 *(22...Ra8! 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Ra2 0-0∓)* 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.Qa2 Qxa2 25.Nxa2= ;

B2b24122222222)

21...Bd7 22.Qa2 Be6 23.Qb1 Bd7 ½-½ Sandipan,C-Bu Xiangzhi/Qingdao 2002/(23);

B2b24122223)

10.Be3!?

idea of GM Rublevsky;

B2b24122224)

10.b3

'!?' Oratovsky,M. 10...0-0 11.Bb2 Qd6 12.a4 f6 13.Nd2 Be6 14.Ne2 Bh6= 15.Nc4± ½-½ Glek,I-Kishnev,S/Recklinghausen 1999/ (60) Sicilian Rossolimo-5.d3 ♗g7 6.h3 b6_51849 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik];

B2b242) 6...Nh6!?

Rabinovich,Al: 'This move was yet tested on highest levels.' Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich, Al: 'This move was yet tested on highest

levels." 7.Nc3 f6 8.Be3 b6∞ Ponomariov. Ftacnik: 'Ponomariov.' 9.0-0 *(9.a4!?; 9.Qd2 Nf7 10.g4 Qd6=; 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bd7 11.Qe2 e5 12.Nf3 Nf7 13.0-0 Qe7 14.a4! 0-0 15.a5 b5 16.Nd2 Nd8 17.Nb3 Ne6 18.Rfd1 Rfc8 19.f3 Be8 20.Qf2± 1-0 Svidler,P-Kramnik, V/Wijk aan Zee 1999/ (42))* 9...0-0 10.a3!? Typical idea in this kind of positions.White attacks the stucture a7-b6-c5. Ftacnik: 'Typical idea in this kind of positions.White attacks the stucture a7-b6-c5.' Nf7 11.b4? But this is just too soon. It was better first to play 11. ♕d2 Ftacnik: 'But this is just too soon.It was better first to play 11.♕d2' *(11.Qd2!* And threating both:d4 and b4 white should wait until black will play e5. Ftacnik: 'And threating both:d4 and b4 white should wait until black will play e5. ' *)* 11...f5! Black must react on white's attack on ♕side by strike in the center. Ftacnik: 'Black must react on white's attack on ♕side by strike in the center.' 12.Bd2 *(12.Qe1? fxe4 13.dxe4 Ba6∓)*

B2b2421) 12...fxe4! It was the best time to open the position! Ftacnik: 'It was the best time to open the position! ' 13.dxe4 *(13.Nxe4 cxb4 14.axb4 Bxa1 15.Qxa1* White has some compensation for the exchange,but with good defence black should stay some material up. Ftacnik: 'White has some compensation for the exchange,but with good defence black should stay some material up.' *)* 13...Ba6 14.Re1 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.bxc5 Qd4-+;

B2b2422) 12...Qd6?! 13.Rb1 e5 *(13...f4!?∓)* 14.Na4 c4 *(14...cxb4?! 15.axb4 fxe4 16.dxe4 Ba6 17.Re1 Rad8⇄)* 15.dxc4 fxe4 16.Ng5 White is out of danger. Ftacnik: 'White is out of danger.' Nxg5 17.Bxg5 Qd4 18.Qe2 Be6 19.Rfd1 *(19.Nb2∞)*

19...Qxc4 *(19...Bxc4 20.Rxd4 Bxe2 21.Rxe4±)* 20.Qxc4 Bxc4 21.Nc3!= Rublevsky,S-Ponomariov,R/RUS-The World/2002/ With some sharp play white succeded to equalize. Sicilian Rossolimo-4.Bc6 dc6 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik] Ftacnik: 'With some sharp play white succeded to equalize.']

4.e5

[4.Bxc6!? dxc6

A) Another possible way to fight for an advantage is Another possible way to fight for an advantage is 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 e5 8.d3 Nd7 9.0-0 *(9.Qg3* and succeded to get a slight edge. and succeded to get a slight edge. *g6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.f4 f6 12.Kh1 Qe7 13.Be3 Rd8 14.Rae1 Bb8 15.Qf2 b6 16.Ne2 exf4 17.Bxf4 0-0 18.Bxb8 Rxb8 19.Ng1 Rbd8 20.Nf3± ½-½* Malakhov,V-Avrukh,B/ Menorca 1996/Juniors (52) ½-½ Malakhov,V-Avrukh,B/Menorca 1996/Juniors (52) *)* 9...Bd6 10.Qg3

A1) In case of In case of 10...0-0 white gets advantage after white gets advantage after 11.Bg5! Be7 *(11...f6 12.Be3±)* 12.Be3**±**;

A2) 10...Qf6 11.f4

A2a) Doesn't work Doesn't work 11...c4 in view of in view of 12.d4 *(12.dxc4* strong enough as well. strong enough as well. *Nb6 13.b3 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 Bd4 15.Bb2)* 12...exd4 13.e5 Qg6 14.Qxg6 hxg6 15.exd6 dxc3 16.Re1+ Kf8 17.bxc3**±**;

A2b) 11...exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxf4 13.Rxf4 *(* Also possible: Also possible: *13.Qxf4 Qxf4 14.Rxf4* with very similar position to the game. with very similar position to the game.*)* 13...Qd4+ 14.Qf2 *(14.Kh2 0-0)* 14...Qxf2+ *(* Deserves attention Deserves attention *14...Ne5)* 15.Kxf2 Ke7 16.Nd1 Ne5 17.Ne3 Ke6 18.Ke2 f6 19.b3 Rhd8 20.Rf5;

B) 5.d3

B1) 5...Bg4 Erenburg: 'It is known, that in these variations black frequently has a problem of light-squared bishop, so he solves it with typical exchange. Black tried also' Erenburg: 'It is known, that in these variations black frequently has a problem of light-squared bishop, so he solves it with typical exchange. Black tried also'

B1a) 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3

B1a1) 7...e5 8.Nd2 White doesn't want to lose the time on the castle, but tries to develop the intiative as soon as possible, providing the main plan in this variation- breakthough f2-f4. But White doesn't want to lose the time on the castle, but tries to develop the intiative as soon as

possible, providing the main plan in this variation- breakthough f2-f4. But *(8.0-0* is legitimic way to fight for an advantage as well. is legitimic way to fight for an advantage as well. *Qc7 9.Nd2 Be7 10.Nc4 Nd7 11.Qg3 Bf6 12.f4 0-0 13.f5 Kh8 14.Be3 Qd8 15.Nd2 g5 16.Qf2±* 1-0 Chuprov,D-Markarov,A/ St Petersburg 2000/ (37)*)* 8...Nd7 9.Qg3N According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. This move seems to me very strong, as it prevents from black to complete the development, at the same time, prepares to realize the breakthough f2-f4. In the previous game white continued According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. This move seems to me very strong, as it prevents from black to complete the development, at the same time, prepares to realize the breakthough f2-f4. In the previous game white continued *(9.Nc4 b5 10.Ne3 g6 11.Qg3 Bd6 12.Bd2 Nf8 13.Bc3 f6 14.h4 h5 15.a4±* ½-½ Magomedov,M-Minasian,A/Minsk 1990/ (44) ½-½ Magomedov,M-Minasian,A/Minsk 1990/ (44) *)* 9...Qf6 The alternative to the move in the game could be The alternative to the move in the game could be *(9...g6 10.Nc4 Qe7±*) 10.Nc4 Be7 *(10...b5* weakens too much the queenside. weakens too much the queenside. *11.Ne3±*) 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 0-0 13.0-0± We can resume the results of the opening battle as very successful for white. He has completed the development, occupying very active positions by his pieces. In this type of pawn structure the breakthrough f2-f4 almost always promises white better chances. We can resume the results of the opening battle as very successful for white. He has completed the development, occupying very active positions by his pieces. In this type of pawn structure the breakthrough f2-f4 almost always promises white better chances. b6 *(13...Qe6* comes to consideration. comes to consideration.*)* 14.Ne3! White is going to occupy an excelent f5 square by the knight, which will improve his chances for an attack. White is going to occupy an excelent f5 square by the knight, which will improve his chances for an attack. *(* deserves attention deserves attention *14.Rae1* , thus, getting into the game

all the pieces. , thus, getting into the game all the pieces. *)*

B1a11) It is very dangerous to take the pawn on b2: It is very dangerous to take the pawn on b2: 14...Qxb2? 15.Rab1 Qd4 *(15...Qf6 16.Nf5→; 15...Qxa2 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.e5+-; 15...Qc3 16.Rb3)* 16.Kh2!→;

B1a12) 14...Qe6± comes to consideraion. comes to consideraion.;

B1a13) 14...Qg6 15.Nf5 Bf6 16.Qf3 Of course, white avoids the trade of queens, as it gives him better chances to develop the initiative on the kingside. Of course, white avoids the trade of queens, as it gives him better chances to develop the initiative on the kingside. Rfe8 *(16...Bxb2?? 17.Ne7+)* 17.c3 Rad8 18.Rad1 Now white is ready to occupy the center with the breakthough d3-d4. Now white is ready to occupy the center with the breakthough d3-d4.

B1a131) Much better is Much better is 18...Be5! This move goes in accordance with a well-known rule, that the side, who suffers from a lack of space, should trade. This move goes in accordance with a well-known rule, that the side, who suffers from a lack of space, should trade. 19.d4± *(19.Bc1!?)*;

B1a132) 18...Ne5? Serious mistake. After this move black's pieces on the kingside haven't enough place, overmore, now white has a very dangerous breakthrough d3-d4. Serious mistake. After this move black's pieces on the kingside haven't enough place, overmore, now white has a very dangerous breakthrough d3-d4. 19.Qe2 Bg5? Probably after this move black can't neutralize white's initiative. Probably after this move black can't neutralize white's initiative. *(19...Re6* seems like the only move, which allows black to continue to struggle. But, anyway, after seems like the only move, which allows black to continue to struggle. But, anyway, after *20.d4 cxd4 21.cxd4 Nd7 22.Bd6±* the position favours

white. the position favours white.*)* 20.d4 cxd4 *(20...Bxf4 21.Rxf4* -see 21...♗xf4 variation. -see 21...♗xf4 variation.*)* 21.cxd4 Nd7 *(* The last chance was The last chance was *21...Bxf4 22.Rxf4 Qg5 23.Rdf1 Ng6 24.Rg4 Qh5 25.Qc4!+-)* 22.Bxg5! Qxg5 23.Rd3+- . 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Gagunashvili,M/ Rethymnon 2003/ (25) Now black is helpless against white's attack. Now black is helpless against white's attack.;

B1a2) 7...c4 8.dxc4 Qd4 9.Nd2 Rd8 10.c3 Qd7 11.0-0 e5 12.Nb3 Be7 13.Be3 Qd3 14.Na5 Qxe4 15.Qxe4 Nxe4 16.Nxb7± 1-0 Malakhov,V-Skatchkov,P/Moscow 1996/ (34);

B1a3) 7...g6 8.Bd2 Bg7 9.Bc3 0-0 10.Nd2 Ne8 11.Bxg7 Nxg7 12.Qe3 Ne6 13.0-0-0 Qd4 14.Nf3 Qxe3+ 15.fxe3 f5 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.Rdf1 Raf8 18.Nd2 Rf2 19.Rhg1 g5 20.Rxf2 Rxf2 21.Ne4 Rf8 22.Kd2 1-0 Nisipeanu,L-Gagunashvili,M/St Vincent 2004/ (60);

B1b) 6.Nbd2 e6 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Nc4 Qc7 10.Nfe5 Nd7 11.Bf4 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Qd7 13.Bg3 Be7 14.Qe2 f6 15.f4 b5 16.Nd2 0-0 17.h4 Bf7 18.Nf3 c4 19.dxc4 e5 20.f5 Bxc4 21.Qe3 Bd8 Fressinet,L-Tregubov,P/Cergy Pontoise m/2004/;

B2) 5...g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Nc3

B2a) 7...Nd7 Ftacnik: 'Oratovsky,M: 'The favourite move of WC Kramnik. Black's idea is not ot lose time for castle and to transfer the knight to e6 and d4 via f8. Also the rook on h8 is useful to protect the h6 pawn in case black wants to protect his darksquared bishop from exchange. Also in this line black has an option for 0-0-0." 8.Be3

B2a1) 8...b6 9.Qd2 e5 *(9...h6 10.0-0 e5 11.a3 Ba6 12.b4 Qe7 13.Nh2 c4 14.d4 Rd8 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.Qc1 0-0 17.Rfe1 Kh7 18.Nf3 exd4 19.Bxd4 Bc8 20.e5 Nd5 21.Ne4±* 1-0 Gormally,D-Quinn,M/ York ENG 2000/ (62)*)* 10.Bh6 0-0 11.0-0-0 Re8 Ftacnik: 'This is one of the most critical positions in this whole setup - whether white has a promising attack or balck holds the position on the ♔ side and then his perspectives are not worse.' This is one of the most critical positions in this whole setup - whether white has a promising attack or balck holds the position on the ♔ side and then his perspectives are not worse.

B2a11) 12.h4 Nf8 13.h5 Qf6 14.hxg6 *(14.Bg5 Qd6)* 14...hxg6 *(≤14...fxg6)* 15.Rh4 *(15.Bxg7)* 15...Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qg7 17.Rdh1 Qxh6+ 18.Rxh6 f6=;

B2a12) 12.g4 Ftacnik: 'The natural way to continue, but the drawback is obvious as well' The natural way to continue, but the drawback is obvious as well 12...Nf8 13.Ne2 a5 14.Rdg1?! *(14.Bxg7!? Kxg7 15.g5±)* 14...Bf6! *(≤14...Ne6 15.Bxg7 Nxg7 16.h4↑* Ftacnik: 'black has problems getting his ♘ back from g7.' black has problems getting his ♘ back from g7. *)* 15.Bg5 *(15.g5 Bh8 16.h4 Ne6 17.h5 Nd4⇄* Ftacnik: 'White's attack looks a bit stuck' White's attack looks a bit stuck*)* 15...Ne6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6= . ½-½ Bologan,V-Anand, V/New Delhi/Teheran 2000/ (27) Ftacnik: '. ½-½ Bologan,V-Anand,V/New Delhi/Teheran 2000/ (27)';

B2a2) 8...e5 Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'Black's main idea is to prevent from white to develop the initiative, it means to prevent breakthroughs b2-b4, d2-d4 and f2-f4. "

B2a21) 9.Qd2 Ftacnik: 'Oratovsky,M: 'Most of the players, including top GMs, play this automatically. Of course, this move looks very logical - white keeps the possibility for both 0-0 and 0-0-0 and threatens ♙h6, but since black has an option for long castle it doesn't seem for me the best way for white. It deserved serious attention '' Oratovsky,M: 'Most of the players, including top GMs, play this automatically. Of course, this move looks very logical - white keeps the possibility for both 0-0 and 0-0-0 and threatens ♙h6, but since black has an option for long castle it doesn't seem for me the best way for white. It deserved serious attention '

B2a211) 9...h6

B2a2111) 10.h4 Ftacnik: 'Very rare continuation. Usually white plays castling or 10. Nh4 Δf2-f4. In some cases there are transpositions possible. Here are few recent examples:' Very rare continuation. Usually white plays castling or 10. Nh4Δf2-f4. In some

cases there are transpositions possible. Here are few recent examples: f5 *(10...Qe7 11.h5 g5 12.Ne2 Nf8 13.Ng3 Bg4 14.Qc3 Nd7 15.Nd2 0-0 16.a4 a5 17.Qa3 b6 18.f3 Be6 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Nf6 21.Ne4 Qd7 22.g4 Nxe4 23.fxe4± 1-0 Grund, H-Jelen,I/Charleville 2000/ (67); 10...h5 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.f3 Nf8 13.Ne2 b6 14.0-0-0 Ne6 15.Kb1 a5 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.Qc3 0-0-0 18.Rdg1 Kb7 19.Nc1 a4 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 Ra8 22.Qd2 f5 23.g3* ½-½ Bologan,V-Malakhov,V/TCh-RUS, Togliatti RUS 2003 (23) Ftacnik: '½-½ Bologan,V-Malakhov,V/TCh-RUS, Togliatti RUS 2003 (23)') 11.exf5 gxf5 12.g3 *(* Ftacnik: 'Possible was' Possible was *12.Qe2)* 12...Qf6 13.Ng1 Nf8?! *(* Ftacnik: 'A safer way of development would have been' A safer way of development would have been *13...b6 14.f4 Ba6)* 14.f4 *(14.Bxc5?! Ne6⩱)* 14...Ne6 *(14...exf4!? 15.Bxf4 Be6)* 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.0-0-0 Qxg3 Ftacnik: 'Black is making too many moves with his queen and will soon find himself far behind in development. The pawn g3 is not particularly important here. Moreover, white gets an open "g" file for the attack.' Black is making too many moves with his queen and will soon find himself far behind in development. The pawn g3 is not particularly important here. Moreover, white gets an open "g" file for the attack. *(16...Bd7 17.Re1 0-0-0!? 18.Bg5 hxg5 19.Rxe5 Bxe5* Ftacnik: 'with some compensation for the queen.' with some compensation for the queen.*)* 17.Re1 Qd6?! Ftacnik: 'It looks like, black forgot about

the development.' It looks like, black forgot about the development. *(⌓17...Bd7)* 18.Bf4 Ftacnik: 'Now black is in serious trouble, since his development is not completed and the king is stuck in the centre.' Now black is in serious trouble, since his development is not completed and the king is stuck in the centre. Qe7 *(18...Bxc3 19.bxc3 Qd5 20.Nh3 Qxa2 21.Qg2 Kd8 22.Qg6 Re8 23.Qf6+ Kd7 24.Rhg1* Ftacnik: 'with a devastating attack.' with a devastating attack.*)* 19.Nf3 Bd7 20.Ne5 . 1-0 McShane,L-Schandorff,L/ Esbjerg 2003/ (37);

B2a2112) 10.0-0-0?! Qa5⇄ *(10...Qe7 11.Nh2 Nf8 12.f4 exf4 13.Bxf4 Ne6 14.Be3 b5 15.Nf3 Nd4 16.Qf2 Ne6 17.e5 0-0 18.Ne4±* 1-0 Miroshnichenko, E-Calistri,T/Paris 2001/ (41) *)*;

B2a212) 9...Qe7 10.Bh6 Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich,Al: 'The main line on high levels lately.Many games are played every week in thos variation and yet no verdict is made.'' Rabinovich,Al: 'The main line on high levels lately.Many games are played every week in thos variation and yet no verdict is made.' *(* Less accurate is *10.0-0* -⟶ ½-½ Anand, V-Ivanchuk,V/Prague 2002/ (50) *)*

B2a2121) 10...f6 11.Bxg7 Qxg7 12.Qe3 b6 *(12...Qe7 13.Nd2 Nf8 14.f4 exf4 15.Qxf4 Ne6 16.Qh6 Nd4 17.0-0-0 Be6 18.Rhf1 0-0-0 19.Rde1 Rhf8=* ½-½ Nevednichy,V-Spasov,V/Nis 1996/ (25) Ftacnik: '½-½ Nevednichy,V-Spasov,V/Nis 1996/ (25)' *)* 13.a3 a5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Nh2 Ra7 16.f4 exf4 17.Qxf4 Ne5= ½-½ Berzinsh,R-Lanka,Z/Germany 2003/EXT 2004 (33) Ftacnik: '½-½ Berzinsh,R-Lanka,Z/ Germany 2003/EXT 2004 (33)';

B2a2122) 10...Qf8!? 11.Bxg7 Qxg7 12.Ne2 b6 13.0-0-0 Ba6 14.Qc3 0-0-0 15.Nd2 Kb8 16.f4 f6 17.g3± 0-1 Degraeve,J-Tregubov,P/Belfort 2002/ (60);

B2a2123) 10...Bxh6 11.Qxh6 f6

B2a21231) 12.Nh4 Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich,Al: 'Almost novelty.On highest levels this move wasn't tried yet.But wild guess, it will become one of the main lines here.' Postny: 'This somewhat weird move gained popularity recently. '' Rabinovich,Al: 'Almost novelty.On highest levels this move wasn't tried yet.But wild guess, it will become one of the main lines here.' Postny: 'This somewhat weird move gained popularity recently.'

B2a212311) 12...Nf8 Ftacnik: 'Postny: 'It's probably more accurate to drive away white's queen from it's active position by 12...Qf8. '' Postny: 'It's probably more accurate to drive away white's queen from it's active position by 12...Qf8. ' 13.0-0 '!' Postny. Ftacnik: ''!' Postny. Postny: 'Other possible plan connected with long castling, but the move in the text is more conrete and troublesome for black.'' Postny: 'Other possible plan connected with long castling, but the move in the text is more conrete and troublesome for black.' *(13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Rhf1 Qf7 15.f4 exf4 16.Rxf4 Ne6 17.Rf2 Qf8 18.Qe3 Qe7 19.Rdf1 Rf8 20.g4 Nd4 21.Nf3±* ½-½ Yandemirov,V-Okrugin,S/Tula 2003/ (60) Ftacnik: '½-½ Yandemirov, V-Okrugin,S/Tula 2003/ (60)' *)*

B2a2123111) 13...Be6?! 14.f4 ' White is threatening f4-f5, as a result of black's previous

inaccuracy, so black is forced to take on f4. Ftacnik: 'Due to the advance f2-f4 white in this variation gets the unpleasant pressure along the f file.'' White is threatening f4-f5, as a result of black's previous inaccuracy, so black is forced to take on f4. Ftacnik: 'Due to the advance f2-f4 white in this variation gets the unpleasant pressure along the f file.' exf4 15.Rae1! Ftacnik: 'Threatening 16. Nf5, so black's reply is practically forced.' Threatening 16.Nf5, so black's reply is practically forced. 0-0-0 16.Qxf4 c4 Ftacnik: 'Trying to get rid from the double pawns.' Trying to get rid from the double pawns. *(16...g5? 17.Nf5±; 16...Nd7? 17.Nf5)* 17.d4 *(* Ftacnik: 'After' After *17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxf6 cxd3 19.cxd3 Rxd3 20.Nf3 Rd8* Ftacnik: 'white does not achieve much.' white does not achieve much. *)* 17...g5 *(17...Rxd4?! 18.Qf2±)* 18.Nf5 Qd7 *(18...gxf4* Ftacnik *19.Nxe7+ Kd7 20.Nf5 Ng6 21.Ne2±)* 19.Qe3 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 Qxd4 21.Qxd4 Rxd4 22.Rxf6 1-0 Shirov, A-Predojevic,B/ Sarajevo 2004/ (44)'1-0 Shirov,A-Predojevic,B/ Sarajevo 2004/ (44) White has clear advantage in the endgame thanks to strong passed "e" pawn and good pieces coordination. Ftacnik: 'Shirov has managed to retain the better pawn structure with advance d3-d4, Predojevic has to work hard for a draw.'' White has clear advantage in the endgame thanks to strong passed "e" pawn and good pieces coordination.

Ftacnik: 'Shirov has managed to retain the better pawn structure with advance d3-d4, Predojevic has to work hard for a draw.';
B2a2123112)
Ftacnik: 'Comes to consideration' Comes to consideration
13...Bd7 14.f4 0-0-0;
B2a2123113)
13...Qf7 14.f4 exf4 15.Rxf4 Nd7 16.e5!± *(16.Nf3± Ftacnik)* 16...Qf8 17.Qxf8+ Rxf8 18.exf6 g5 19.Re4+ Kd8 20.Nf3 Nxf6 21.Re5± ½-½ Sulskis,S-Estremera Panos,S/Lisbon 2001/ (75)
Ftacnik: '½-½ Sulskis,S-Estremera Panos,S/Lisbon 2001/ (75)';
B2a212312)
12...Qf8 13.Qd2 Qe7 *(13...Nb6!?* Ftacnik: 'Looks interesting.' Looks interesting. *14.0-0-0 Be6)* 14.0-0-0 '±' Rabinovich,Al.
Ftacnik: " ± ' Rabinovich,Al.' f5 *(⌓14...Nb6; 14...Nf8 15.Qh6 Be6 16.g3 0-0-0 17.f4 Nd7 18.f5 Bf7 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Nxg6 Bxg6 21.Qxg6 Rdg8 22.Qf5 Rxg3=* ½-½ Nisipeanu,L-Filippov,V/Istanbul 2003/CBM 96 (53)
Ftacnik: '½-½ Nisipeanu,L-Filippov,V/Istanbul 2003/CBM 96 (53)' *)* 15.g3 f4 Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich,Al: 'Forced.'' Rabinovich,Al: 'Forced.' 16.Ng2 fxg3 *(16...Rf8 17.gxf4 exf4 18.d4↑)* 17.fxg3⟳ Nf8 18.h4 h5 *(18...Be6 19.Qg5 Qxg5+ 20.hxg5±)* 19.Rdf1 Ne6 20.Rf2 Nd4 *(20...Bd7 21.Rhf1 0-0-0 22.Rf7 Qd6 23.Ne3±)* 21.Qg5! 1-0 Ivanchuk,V-Filippov,V/Halkidiki GRE 2002/ (41)
Ftacnik: '1-0 Ivanchuk,V-Filippov,V/Halkidiki GRE 2002/ (41) Very nice move. White exchanges the only piece which protectes the

weaknesses on Kside!' Very nice move. White exchanges the only piece which protects the weaknesses on Kside!;

B2a21232) 12.Nh2 Nf8 13.f4 exf4 14.Qxf4 Ne6 15.Qd2 Nd4= 16.0-0 0-0 17.Nd1 Bd7 18.Ne3 b6= 0-1 Bologan,V-Damljanovic,B/Igalo 1994/ (40);

B2a21233) 12.Nd2 Nf8 13.f4 exf4 14.Qxf4 Ne6 *(14...Be6 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Rae1 0-0 17.Nd5± Qf7 18.Nc7 Rad8 19.Qd6 Bxa2 20.b3 Ne5 21.Qe6 Kg7 22.Qxf7+ Kxf7 23.Ra1 Rc8 24.Na6 Bxb3 25.Nxb3 bxa6 26.Nxc5±* 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Georgiev,K/Panormo 2001/CBM 84 ext (48)*)* 15.Qh6 *(15.Qe3 Nd4 16.Rc1 Be6 17.Nd1 0-0-0 18.0-0 Rhe8⇄* 0-1 Bologan,V-Filippov,V/Togliatti 2003/ (40 *))* 15...Nd4 16.0-0-0 Be6= 17.Rhf1 0-0-0 18.Kb1 f5 ½-½ Smirin,I-Shirov,A/Sarajevo BIH 2002/ (22) Sicilian Rossolimo-6.h3 ♘f6 7. ♘c3 ♘d7 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik] Ftacnik: '½-½ Smirin,I-Shirov,A/Sarajevo BIH 2002/ (22)';

B2a22) 9.Nd2 Qe7 10.Nc4 b6!? *(* Ftacnik: 'now doesn't work' now doesn't work *10...Nf8 11.f4!±; 10...0-0 11.a4 Rd8 12.0-0 Nf8 13.a5 Ne6 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.f3±* Ftacnik: 'Oratovsky,M-Rogozenko,D Banter Chess 2003' Oratovsky,M-Rogozenko,D Banter Chess 2003*)* 11.a4 Ba6 12.b3 Nf8 13.Qd2 Ne6 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Bxc4 16.bxc4 Nd4 17.Kd2 Qf6 18.f3**±** Ftacnik: 'and white keeps a slight edge Oratovsky,M-Illescas,M/rapid Spain 2003' and white keeps a slight edge Oratovsky,M-Illescas,M/rapid Spain 2003;

B2a23) 9.0-0

B2a231) 9...0-0 10.Qd2 Re8 11.Nh2 Qe7 *(11...b6 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Kh1 Qe7 14.Rae1 Nf8 15.Ne2 Ne6 16.b3 a5 17.a4*

Bd7 18.f4± ½-½ Adams,M-Leko,P/ Dortmund GER 2002/ (44) Ftacnik: '½-½ Adams,M-Leko,P/ Dortmund GER 2002/ (44) With small advantage for white.' With small advantage for white.*)* 12.Bh6 Bh8 13.Ng4 Nf8 14.Bg5 f6 15.Nh6+ Kg7 16.Be3 Ne6 17.Ne2 Ng5 18.Ng4 h5 19.Nh2 Rd8 20.Qc3 Ne6 21.f4 Nd4 22.Rae1 Kh7 23.Nf3 Be6 24.fxe5 fxe5 25.Ng5+ Kg8 26.Nxe6 Nxe6 27.Qb3 Kh7 28.Rf2 1-0 Adams,M-Kramnik, V/Dortmund 2000/ (50);

B2a232) 9...Qe7 Ftacnik: 'Less accurate is' Ftacnik: 'Less accurate is' 10.Qd2 Postny: 'This move is not the most flexible option and also has bad statistics for white. Ftacnik: '- → ½-½ Anand,V-Ivanchuk,V/ Prague 2002/ (50)' Ftacnik: '- → ½-½ Anand,V-Ivanchuk,V/ Prague 2002/ (50)' Ftacnik: 'Postny: 'This move is not the most flexible option and also has bad statistics for white. '

B2a2321) 10...Nf8 11.Bh6 Ne6!? Ftacnik: 'Ivanchuk has such an exceptional positional feeling, that he can afford solutions, that are not standard. ' 'Ftacnik: 'Ivanchuk has such an exceptional positional feeling, that he can afford solutions, that are not standard. '' *(11...f6 12.Bxg7 Qxg7 13.Ne2 Ne6 14.c3 0-0 15.d4 Rd8 16.Qe3 cxd4 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Nexd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 c5 20.Nb5 Qe7 21.Rfe1 b6=* 0-1 Baklan,V-Mochalov,E/Kiev 1995/CBM 51 (57)*; 11...Bxh6 12.Qxh6 f6 13.Ne2 Ne6 14.c3 Bd7 15.a3 g5 16.d4 cxd4 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Nfxd4 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 0-0-0 20.Rfe1 Qe5 21.Rad1 g4∓* 0-1 Wang Rui-Ni Hua/Suzhou 2001/ (49)*)* 12.Bxg7 Nxg7 An original knight fianchetto. Ftacnik: 'An original knight fianchetto.'

B2a23211)

13.Nh2?! g5;
B2a23212)
The only way to fight for the advantage was: Ftacnik: 'The only way to fight for the advantage was:'
13.Qh6!? f6 14.Nh2 Be6 *(14...g5 15.h4)* 15.f4 as pointed by GM Shipov in ClubKasparov site. Ftacnik: 'as pointed by GM Shipov in ClubKasparov site. ';
B2a23213)
13.Ne2?! f6 14.Nh2 *(14.a3* Ftacnik *a5 15.c3 g5∞)* 14...g5! *(14...0-0* Ftacnik *15.f4±)* 15.a3 a5! Black has consistantly prevented all of white's active ideas: f2-f4 and b2-b4. Ftacnik: 'Black has consistantly prevented all of white's active ideas: f2-f4 and b2-b4.' *(15...0-0* Ftacnik *16.b4 Rd8 17.bxc5 Ne6=)* 16.c3 A committing move. In the future white will have to play the break in the centre d3-d4, otherwise the weakness of the ♙d3 may become a factor. However it's not easy to demonstrate a useful alternative plan. Ftacnik: 'A committing move. In the future white will have to play the break in the centre d3-d4, otherwise the weakness of the ♙d3 may become a factor. However it's not easy to demonstrate a useful alternative plan.' *(16.b4* Ftacnik *axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 cxb4 19.d4 exd4 20.Nxd4 0-0∓)* 16...0-0
B2a232131) 17.d4 exd4 *(17...cxd4* Ftacnik *18.cxd4 exd4 19.Qxd4 f5∓)* 18.cxd4 Qxe4 19.dxc5 Be6⇄;
B2a232132)
17.Ng4 Bxg4 *(17...Be6* Ftacnik *18.Nh6+ Kh8 19.Qe3=)* 18.hxg4 h5 19.b4? Anand in a hurry to carry out the break on the queenside, but it turns out to

be in black's favour. Ftacnik: 'Anand in a hurry to carry out the break on the queenside, but it turns out to be in black's favour.' *(19.gxh5 Nxh5 20.Qe3=)* 19...axb4 20.axb4 cxb4 21.cxb4 hxg4 22.Ng3 Ne6 An interesting question here is: Whose weaknesses are the more important, white's on f4 and d4 or black's on f5? Ftacnik: 'An interesting question here is: Whose weaknesses are the more important, white's on f4 and d4 or black's on f5?' 23.Nf5 Qd7 24.Qe2 *(24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Nxg4 Nf4* and black is on top. Ftacnik: 'and black is on top.'*)* 24...Nd4 25.Qxg4 Nxf5 26.exf5 Rad8 . ½-½ Anand,V-Ivanchuk,V/Prague 2002/ (50) White has no compensation for his pawn islands, especially ♙d3. Black has a big advantage. Ftacnik: '. ½-½ Anand,V-Ivanchuk,V/Prague 2002/ (50)' Ftacnik: 'White has no compensation for his pawn islands, especially ♙d3. Black has a big advantage.';

B2a2322) 10...h6

B2a23221) 11.a3 Nf8 *(11...a5 12.Nh2 a4 13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.Nf3 Nxf3+ 16.Rxf3 g5 17.Be3 0-0 18.Raf1 b6∞* 0-1 Lerner,K-Tseitlin,M/ch-ISR, Tel Aviv ISR 2002 (54)*; 11...b6 12.Ne2 Bb7 13.b4 Rd8 14.Ng3 Ba6 15.Rfd1 Bc8 16.Rab1 Kf8 17.bxc5 Nxc5 18.d4 Kg8 19.Qc3 exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4±* 1-0 Spasov,V-Grigore,G/ Budapest 2000/ (47) *)* 12.b4 Ne6

B2a232211) 13.bxc5

Postny: 'Looks like an improvement over Ponomariov's play.' Ftacnik: 'Postny: 'Looks like an improvement over Ponomariov's

play." Nxc5 14.Rfe1 Ne6 15.Ne2 h5 16.a4 0-0 17.Bh6 Postny: 'Correct decision. After the exchange of dark-squared bishops black will not dare to make f7-f5 advance.' Ftacnik: 'Postny: 'Correct decision. After the exchange of dark-squared bishops black will not dare to make f7-f5 advance.'' Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Qf6 19.a5 Bd7 20.Reb1 Rab8 21.Qd2± Rfe8?! *(* Stronger was Ftacnik: 'Stronger was' *21...c5)* 22.Qc3 Black is now forced to move his knight from it's excellent position. Ftacnik: 'Black is now forced to move his knight from it's excellent position.' Ng5 23.Nxg5 Qxg5 24.Kf1 Qe7 25.Qd2 Red8 26.Qe3 c5 27.c4! 1-0 Spasov,V-Smirnov,P/Istanbul 2003/ (54);

B2a232212)

13.Na4 b6 14.Nh2 f5 15.f3 f4 16.Bf2 h5 17.bxc5 b5 18.Nb2 g5 19.d4 exd4 20.Nd3 Nxc5 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Rfd1 Be6 23.Qb4 Qb6 24.a4 c5 25.Qxb5+ Qxb5 26.axb5 Kf7 0-1 Ponomariov,R-Kramnik,V/Linares 2003/ (40);

B2a23222)

11.Ne2?!N This novelty connected with dubious plan. White's plan should be connected with Nh2 and f4 or with a3 and b4. Ftacnik: 'This novelty connected with dubious plan. White's plan should be connected with Nh2 and f4 or with a3 and b4.' Nf8 12.c3 f5! Immediatly putting pressure on white's position. Ftacnik: 'Immediatly putting pressure on white's position.' 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.b4? Too optimistic. Ftacnik: 'Too optimistic.' *(* Stronger was Ftacnik: 'Stronger was' *14.Ng3 0-0-0 15.Nxf5 gxf5*

16.Qe2 with chances for both sides. Ftacnik: 'with chances for both sides.') 14...cxb4 15.cxb4 Rd8∓ 16.Bc5 Qc7

B2a232221) 17.Bxf8 Rxd3 *(17...Rxf8∓)* 18.Bxg7!? Rxd2 19.Bxe5 Qe7 20.Bxh8 Rxe2∓;

B2a232222) 17.Ng3 Bxd3 18.Rfe1 Ne6 19.Qe3 *(19.Rad1 Nxc5 20.bxc5 0-0∓)* 19...Nxc5 20.bxc5 *(20.Qxc5 b6 21.Qe3 0-0* is also bad for white. Ftacnik: 'is also bad for white.') 20...0-0 21.Rad1?! *(⌓21.Ne4∓)* 21...Bc4 Now white is forced to go for a massive exchanges, which will leave in a very bad endgame. Ftacnik: 'Now white is forced to go for a massive exchanges, which will leave in a very bad endgame.' 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Nxe5 Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 Kf7 0-1 Nevednichy,V-Malakhov,V/ Istanbul 2003/ (37) This endgame is lost for white due to pawn weaknesses on the queenside. Black's pieces are excellently coordinated and he will quickly organize a passed pawn on the queenside, which will decide the outcome of the game in his favour. Ftacnik: 'This endgame is lost for white due to pawn weaknesses on the queenside. Black's pieces are excellently coordinated and he will quickly organize a passed pawn on the queenside, which will decide the outcome of the game in his favour.';

B2a23223) 11.Nh2 Erenburg: 'Now white is ready to realize the breakthrough.' Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'Now white is ready to realize the breakthrough.'' 11...Nf8 12.f4

(12.Ne2 Ne6 13.a3 Nd4 14.b4 Be6 15.bxc5 Qxc5 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.Qb4 b6 18.Nf3 0-0-0 19.Qxc5 bxc5 20.Nf4 Bd7 21.e5 Rhe8 22.Rfe1 g5 23.e6 fxe6 24.Nh5 Bh8 25.Ne5 Kc7 26.Ng3 Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Kd6 28.Re2 c4 29.dxc4 e5 ½-½ Svidler,P-Kasparov,G/Moscow 2004/ (58) Ftacnik: '½-½ Svidler,P-Kasparov,G/Moscow 2004/ (58)' *)* 12...exf4 13.Rxf4 It is also possible to take by the bishop: Oratovsky,M: 'Another critical position in this line. Now black has 2 main options' Ftacnik: 'It is also possible to take by the bishop: Oratovsky,M: 'Another critical position in this line. Now black has 2 main options'' *(13.Bxf4* 1-0 Galdunts,S-Jakubiec,A/Griesheim 2002/ (45) Ftacnik: '1-0 Galdunts,S-Jakubiec,A/Griesheim 2002/ (45)' *)*

B2a232231)

13...Ne6

1-0 Pikula,D-Kovacevic,A/Banja Koviljaca 2002/ (35) 14.Rf2 Nd4 15.Raf1 Be6

B2a2322311)

Another, more agressive, possibility was Ftacnik: 'Another, more agressive, possibility was' 16.Ng4!?

B2a23223111)

16...Bxg4 17.hxg4 *(17.Rxf7 Qxf7 18.Rxf7 Kxf7 19.hxg4 Rad8 20.Nd1±)* 17...f6 18.Bxd4 *(18.b4!? 0-0-0 19.Ne2 Nxe2+ 20.Rxe2 cxb4 21.Bxa7 b5 22.Qe3 Rd7 23.Bc5 Qe6 24.Bxb4±*

1-0 Palac,M-Loncar,R/Zadar 2001/ (45) *)*

18...cxd4 19.Ne2 0-0 20.Nf4 *(20.Nxd4 f5⇄)* 20...Kh7 21.Qe2 Rf7 22.Qf3 Qe5= ½-½ Delgado,N-Corrales,F/Santa Clara 2003/ (39) Ftacnik: '½-½

Delgado,N-Corrales,F/Santa Clara 2003/ (39)';

B2a23223112)

16...f5 17.Nxh6 Qh4 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 Nxf5 21.Rxf5 0-0-0 *(21...b6 22.Bg5→)* 22.Bxc5± Rhe8 23.Bf2 Qb4 24.Bg3 Bd4+ 25.Kh2 Be3 26.Qd1 Bb6 27.Rf4 Qc5 28.Na4 1-0 Vokarev,S-Khasin,A/Koszalin 1999/ (28). Ftacnik: '1-0 Vokarev,S-Khasin,A/Koszalin 1999/ (28). ';

B2a23223113)

16...0-0-0

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17.Nxh6?! This move is very risky for white, since the knight can not return to g4. Ftacnik: 'This move is very risky for white, since the knight can not return to g4.' f6 *(17...f5 18.Bg5 Bf6 19.Bxf6 Qxf6 20.Ng4± ; 17...Nxc2? 18.Bg5 f6 19.Rxf6±; 17...Rdf8!?)* 18.Na4 *(18.e5 f5 19.Bg5 Qc7∓)* 18...b5 19.Nc3 Qf8 20.Ng4 Bxg4 21.hxg4 Qg8→;

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17.Nf6 Bxf6 18.Rxf6 Bf5! enough to equalize Ftacnik: 'enough to equalize' 19.Bxh6 Qxf6 20.Bg5 Qd6 21.exf5 *(21.Bxd8 Rxd8 22.exf5 Nxf5=)* 21...Nxf5 22.Bxd8 Rxd8 Ftacnik: '=' '=' 23.Qf2 Qd4= ½-½ Fernandez,D-Lesiege,A/Philadelphia 2003/ (25) Ftacnik: '½-½ Fernandez,D-Lesiege,A/Philadelphia 2003/ (25)';

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16.b3 0-0-0 17.Ne2 b6 18.Nf4 Rd7 19.Nxe6 *(The last chance to fight for an advantage was Ftacnik: 'The last chance to fight for an advantage was' 19.a4!? a5 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Rxf3±)* 19...Qxe6 20.Nf3 Nb5 21.Qe1 *(21.a4 Nd6*

22.Qc1 f5 23.exf5 Nxf5 24.Bf4 Bc3 25.Bd2∞) 21...Re7 22.a4 Nd6 23.Bf4 f5 24.Re2 fxe4 25.Bxd6 Qxd6 26.Rxe4 Rhe8;

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13...Be6

Black decides to defend the f7 pawn and to prepare the occupation of the e5 square by the knight. Another logical continuation is Ftacnik: 'Black decides to defend the f7 pawn and to prepare the occupation of the e5 square by the knight. Another logical continuation is'

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14.Rff1 Nd7 15.Qf2 b6 16.a4 a5 17.Nf3 0-0 18.Qg3 g5 19.Rae1± Rae8 20.Kh1 Qd8= 21.d4?!

(21.Bg1!?) 21...Bc4

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22.Rg1□ f5

(22...Qb8!?) 23.exf5 Rxe3 24.Rxe3 cxd4 25.Re4 Nc5 26.Rxd4 Bxd4 27.Rd1∞;

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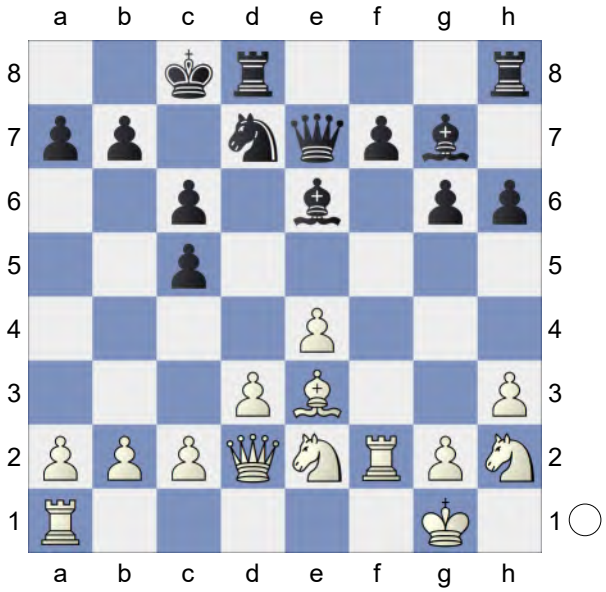
22.Rf2? f5-+ 23.exf5 cxd4 0-1 Oral,T-McShane,L/Qaqortoq 2003/(30);

B2a2322322)

14.Rf2 Nd7 15.Ne2 0-0-0



Ziemlich dröge, aktiver wirkt Ftacnik: '{#} ' Ftacnik: 'Ziemlich dröge, aktiver wirkt'

16.Qa5 Kb8 17.Nf4!? , z.B.:

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17...Bxb2 18.Rb1 Bd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Nf3 c5 21.Qb5 b6 22.a4;

B2a23223222)

17...Rdf8 18.Raf1 g5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.b4 Rxf2 21.Bxf2;

B2a23223223)

17...g5 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Raf1 Qd6 *(19...Bxb2?? 20.c3)* 20.Qa3;

B2a23223224)

17...Be5 18.Raf1 Bc7 19.Qa3;

B2a2322323)

14.Raf1

Another plan is to put the rooks on the "e" and "f" files: Ftacnik: 'Another plan is to put the rooks on the "e" and "f" files:' 14...Nd7 15.R4f2

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15...h5?! 16.Ne2 0-0 17.Bh6 f6 18.Nf3 Qd6 19.Nh4 g5 *(19...Kh7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nf4+-)* 20.e5 Nxe5 *(20...Qxe5 21.Ng6 Qxb2 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Nc3* **Δ**♖f1-b1 Ftacnik: '**Δ**♖f1-b1'*; 20...fxe5?? 21.Qxg5)* 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxf6 Rxf6 23.Qxg5+ Rg6 24.Nxg6 Nxg6 25.Rf6

1-0 Rublevsky,S-Vokarev,S/Azov 1996/ (25) Ftacnik: '1-0 Rublevsky,S-Vokarev,S/Azov 1996/ (25) ';

B2a23223232)

15...0-0-0!?

B2a232232321)

16.Ne2

B2a2322323211)

16...f6 17.Nf3 *(17.Qa5 Kb8 18.b4)* 17...b6 18.Bf4 *(18.b4!↑ cxb4 19.Nfd4 Kb7 20.Nxe6 Qxe6 21.Qxb4)* 18...h5 19.Bh2 *(19.b4)* 19...Bh6 20.Nf4 Bf7 21.Nh4?! *(21.Qc3)* 21...Rdg8 22.Qc3 Kb7 23.Kh1 Rh7

B2a23223232111)

24.Re1 Bg5 *(24...Qd8 25.Ne2)* 25.Nf3 Bxf4 26.Bxf4 g5→;

B2a23223232112)

24.a3 Qd8∓

0-1 Rublevsky,S-McShane,L/Istanbul 2003/ (59) *(24...f5∓)*;

B2a2322323212)

16...f5;

B2a2322323213)

16...Ne5 17.Qa5 b6 18.Qa6+ Kb8 19.Nf3 g5=

1-0 Shchekachev,A-Wells,P/AUT-chT/2003 (37);

B2a232232322)

16.Ng4!? g5⇄ *(16...Bxg4? 17.Rxf7±; 16...h5? 17.Bg5 Qd6 18.Nf6±)*;

B2a23223233)
15...f6 16.Nf3 b6 17.Ne2 h5 18.e5! *(18.a4!? 0-0-0 19.a5↑)* 18...0-0-0 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Bg5± 1-0 Perunovic,M-Nataf,I/1st League TCh-SCG, Budva SCG 2003 (67);
B2a23223234)
15...b6 According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. In the previous games black tried Ftacnik: 'According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. In the previous games black tried' 16.Ng4
B2a232232341)
16...0-0-0!?
17.Nxh6 *(17.Bxh6 Bxh6 18.Nxh6 Rh7)* 17...f6;
B2a232232342)
16...g5!?∞;
B2a232232343)
16...Bxg4?!
seems like a wrong decision. Deserved attention the following continuations: Ftacnik: 'seems like a wrong decision. Deserved attention the following continuations:' 17.Rxf7 *(17.hxg4? Ne5)*
B2a2322323431)
Black cannot play Ftacnik: 'Black cannot play' 17...Qe5
, in view of Ftacnik: ', in view of ' 18.hxg4 Bf6 19.d4 Qe6 *(19...cxd4 20.R1xf6!+-)* 20.Rxd7! Kxd7 21.d5!±;
B2a2322323432)
17...Qxf7 18.Rxf7 Kxf7 19.hxg4 Ne5 20.Qf2+ Ke7 21.Qg3 Rae8 22.Ne2 transfering the knight to f4. Ftacnik: 'transfering the knight to f4.' Kd7 23.Nf4
1-0 Grischuk,A-Radjabov,T/Bastia 2003/ (41) Sicilian Rossolimo-8.Be3 e5 9.0-0 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik];

B2b) 7...0-0 8.Be3 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: 'White has two different plans in this position, one is to go for the kingside castle followed by f4 as Adams tried against Leko at the group stage and managed to get minimal

advantage after the opening and the second one is to castle queenside opting for much sharper play. Shirov desperately needed to win this game to tie the score in his last "white" game, that's why he opts for sharper one. '' Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: 'White has two different plans in this position, one is to go for the kingside castle followed by f4 as Adams tried against Leko at the group stage and managed to get minimal advantage after the opening and the second one is to castle queenside opting for much sharper play. Shirov desperately needed to win this game to tie the score in his last "white" game, that's why he opts for sharper one. "

B2b1) 8...Nd7 9.Qd2

B2b11) ⌓9...e5 10.h4 *(10.Bh6 Bxh6 11.Qxh6 f6 12.0-0-0 Rf7 13.Qe3 b6 14.Nh2 Nf8 15.f4 exf4 16.Qxf4 Ne6 17.Qe3 Nd4 18.Nf3 Be6 19.Rhf1 Nxf3 20.Rxf3 Qd4 21.Qe1 Rd8 22.Kb1 Kg7 23.Ne2 Qe5 24.Re3 Rfd7∓* ½-½ Brodsky,M-Bogachkov,I/St Petersburg RUS 2000/ (41) Ftacnik: '½-½ Brodsky,M-Bogachkov,I/St Petersburg RUS 2000/ (41)'; *10.0-0 Qe7 11.Rae1 Rd8 12.b3 Nf8 13.Nh2 Ne6 14.Ng4 Nf4 15.f3 h5 16.Nh2 Be6 17.Ne2 g5 18.Ng3 Kh7 19.Nf5 Bxf5 20.exf5 Qd7 21.Bxc5 Qxf5 22.Be3 Rd7=* 1-0 Skripchenko,A-Stankovic,M/Kragujevac YUG 2000/ (47)*)* 10...h5 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.f3 Re8 13.0-0-0 Nf8 14.Qf2 b6 15.Rdg1 f5 16.g3 Bd7 17.Re1 Nh7 18.Bd2 Qf8 19.Rhf1 Nxg5 20.Bxg5 Qf7 21.Qg1 c4 22.dxc4 Qxc4 23.Qe3 Bf8 24.Qe2= 1-0 Van Mil,J-Koch,T/BL2 0001 2001/ (43);

B2b12) 9...b5? 10.Bh6 e5 *(10...Nb6* Ftacnik: 'A bit too optimistic... Although white's attack does not succeed too often, black shouldn't completely ignore it.' A bit too optimistic... Although white's attack does not succeed too often, black shouldn't completely ignore it. *11.h4 b4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Ne2 Bg4 14.h5 Bxf3 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Qh6+ Kf6 17.gxf3 Rh8 18.Qf4+ Kg7 19.0-0-0±* 1-0 Kalegin,E-Khamidulin,A/St Petersburg 1996/ (27) *)* 11.a4! b4 12.Nd1 b3? *(⌓12...Re8 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.b3 Nf8 15.Ne3 f6±)* 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.cxb3 f6 15.Ne3 Qb6 16.Qc3± 1-0 Sulskis,S-

Holmsten,A/Linares 2001/ (26);

B2b2) 8...b6 Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'Here white has two main options to fight for the advantage in this theoretical position: 1) short castle with following f2-f4; 2) long castle with the attack on the black ♔." Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'Here white has two main options to fight for the advantage in this theoretical position: 1) short castle with following f2-f4; 2) long castle with the attack on the black ♔.'' 9.Qd2 Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich,Al: 'The idea with long castle is now more and more coming in fashion.' Erenburg: 'This move is connected with the plan of long castle. White intends to change dark-squared bishops and to start the attack on the black monarch.'' Ftacnik: 'Rabinovich,Al: 'The idea with long castle is now more and more coming in fashion. ' Erenburg: 'This move is connected with the plan of long castle. White intends to change dark-squared bishops and to start the attack on the black monarch. "

B2b21) 9...e5 Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'preparing the e6 square for a light-squared bishop. ' Erenburg: 'preparing the e6 square for a light-squared bishop. 10.Bh6 Iordacescu-Moldovan/ Ftacnik: 'Iordacescu-Moldovan/ Erenburg: 'Still white saves option of short castle after'' Erenburg: 'Still white saves option of short castle after' *(* Ftacnik: 'Nothing promises' Nothing promises *10.Nxe5 Nxe4 11.Nxf7 Nxd2 12.Nxd8 Nf3+ 13.gxf3 Rxd8⩱* Ftacnik: 'and black gets very good compensation for the pawn.' and black gets very good compensation for the pawn.*; 10.a3 a5 11.0-0 a4 12.Rae1 Re8 13.Nh2 Nd7 14.f4 exf4 15.Rxf4 Nf8 16.Ref1 Ra7 17.Kh1 Ne6 18.R4f2 Nd4=* 0-1 Pridorozhni,A-Smirnov,P/Nefteyugansk 2002/CBM 92 no vc (29)*)* 10...Qd6 *(* Ftacnik: 'The game Ulibin,M-Lanka,Z/ MK-Cafe Cup 1999 saw:' The game Ulibin,M-Lanka, Z/MK-Cafe Cup 1999 saw: *10...Qe7 11.g4!?)*

B2b211) 11.g4 Ftacnik: 'Erenburg: 'More popular is immediate'' Erenburg: 'More popular is immediate' Be6 *(11...a5* Ftacnik: 'useful move, which prevents white's possible breakthrough

b2-b4, as well as occupies some space on the queenside.' useful move, which prevents white's possible breakthrough b2-b4, as well as occupies some space on the queenside. *12.a3 a4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nd1 Ne8 15.Ne3 b5 16.Qc3 f6 17.g5±* 1-0 Bologan,V-Degraeve,J/28th Rapid Open, Aubervilliers FRA 2003 (40) *)*

B2b2111) 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.0-0-0 Rad8 *(13...b5 14.Kb1 a5 15.Qe3 a4 16.Ne2 b4 17.Nd2 Rfb8 18.f4 exf4 19.Qxf4±* 1-0 Van den Doel,E-Hausrath,D/Groningen 1998/ (45) *)* 14.Rhf1 b5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxe6+ Qxe6 17.Kb1 c4 ½-½ Shirov,A-Leko, P/Monaco MNC 2002/ (32) Ftacnik: '½-½ Shirov,A-Leko, P/Monaco MNC 2002/ (32)';

B2b2112) 12.Ne2 Ftacnik: 'transfering the knight to g3 with the idea to add it to the attack on the black king. White has the following possibilities:' transfering the knight to g3 with the idea to add it to the attack on the black king. White has the following possibilities: Rad8 13.Bxg7 Ftacnik: 'According to my database this position appeared for the first time. In the previous game white continued' According to my database this position appeared for the first time. In the previous game white continued *(13.Ng3 Ne8 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.Nf1 f6 16.Ne3 b5 17.Qc3 Bf7 18.g5 b4 19.Qd2 f5 20.Qe2∞* ½-½ Rohit, G-Khamzin,O/26th Asian Juniors, Negombo SRI 2003 (48) Ftacnik: '½-½ Rohit,G-Khamzin,O/ 26th Asian Juniors, Negombo SRI 2003 (48)' *)* 13...Kxg7 14.Qc3 Ftacnik: 'White doesn't hurry to define the position of his king, but, first of all improves the position of his pieces.' White

doesn't hurry to define the position of his king, but, first of all improves the position of his pieces. Nd7 Ftacnik: 'defending the e5 pawn.' defending the e5 pawn. 15.Ng5 *(* Ftacnik: 'Comes to consideration:' Comes to consideration: *15.0-0-0 f6 16.Ng3;* Ftacnik: 'as well as' as well as *15.Ng3 f6 16.Rg1)*

B2b21121) 15...b5 16.f4 b4 *(16...h6 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 18.f5!)* 17.Qd2±;

B2b21122) 15...Kg8 16.Rf1± *(16.0-0!?)*;

B2b21123) 15...h6! Ftacnik: 'Probably the precisest move. Other options don't promise an equality:' Probably the precisest move. Other options don't promise an equality: 16.Nxe6+ fxe6!= Ftacnik: 'Only this one. Black's pawn structure isn't ideal, but the open line "f" compensates this defect.' Only this one. Black's pawn structure isn't ideal, but the open line "f" compensates this defect. *(16...Qxe6 17.f4±)* 17.Kf1 Ftacnik: 'What else? White transfers the king to g2 with following ♖af1 in order to hold black's pressure on the "f" line.' What else? White transfers the king to g2 with following ♖af1 in order to hold black's pressure on the "f" line. Rf3 18.Kg2 Rdf8 19.Raf1 . ½-½ Bologan,V-Leko,P/Dortmund 2003/ (19) Ftacnik: '. ½-½ Bologan,V-Leko,P/Dortmund 2003/ (19) Here the opponents agreed for a draw, as none of them hasn't any good plan of improving his position.' Here the opponents agreed for a draw, as none of them hasn't any good plan of improving his position.;

B2b2113) 12.Qe3 a5 13.Ne2 a4 14.a3 b5 15.Ng3 Ne8 16.0-0 f6

17.Nd2 Rd8 18.Bxg7 Nxg7 19.f4 exf4 20.Qxf4 Qxf4 21.Rxf4 c4 22.Rf3 Bc8 23.Ndf1 Ne6 24.Ne2 cxd3 25.Rxd3 Rxd3 26.cxd3 Rd8 27.Rc1 c5 28.Rc3 Ponomariov,R-Leko, P/Linares/2003/;

B2b212) 11.0-0-0

B2b2121) 11...b5 12.Ne2 a5 13.Ng3 Re8 14.Nh4 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 a4 16.Qg5 Nd7 17.Ngf5 Qf6∞ Ftacnik: 'Grischuk-Leko, Dubai, 2002' Grischuk-Leko, Dubai, 2002 18.Qxf6 ½-½ Grischuk,A-Leko,P/Dubai UAE 2002/ (18) Ftacnik: '½-½ Grischuk,A-Leko,P/Dubai UAE 2002/ (18)';

B2b2122) 11...Be6 12.Bxg7 *(12.Kb1 b5 13.Ne2 a5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxe6+ fxe6=* ½-½ Adams,M-Hausrath,D/Breda 1999/ (27) Ftacnik: '½-½ Adams,M-Hausrath,D/Breda 1999/ (27)*')* 12...Kxg7 13.Qg5 'N!' Postny. *(13.Nh2 Rad8 14.Rhf1 c4 15.f4 exf4 16.d4 Nh5 17.Ne2 f5∓* ½-½ Kuczynski,R-Baklan,V/Germany 1997/GER-chT (37) Ftacnik: '½-½ Kuczynski,R-Baklan, V/Germany 1997/ GER-chT (37)*')* 13...Nd7 14.Qg3 Ftacnik: 'Postny: 'A strong manoeuvre. Exploiting the pin of black ♙e5 white is intending to break in centre by d3-d4.'' Postny: 'A strong manoeuvre. Exploiting the pin of black ♙e5 white is intending to break in centre by d3-d4.' b5 Ftacnik: 'Postny: 'Black decides to ignore white's obvious positional threat.'' Postny: 'Black decides to ignore white's obvious positional threat.' *(14...Qb8?* Ftacnik: 'The only way to prevent d3-d4, but this move is very awkward.' The only way to prevent d3-d4, but this move is very awkward. *15.h4↑;* Ftacnik: 'The safest continuation for black is' The safest continuation for black is *14...Rad8 15.d4*

cxd4 16.Nxd4 Qc5 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 Ftacnik: 'and it will be very difficult for white to exploit black's defects of the pawn structure. The position is not far from the equality. ' and it will be very difficult for white to exploit black's defects of the pawn structure. The position is not far from the equality.*)* 15.d4± cxd4 16.Nxd4 Qe7 *(16...Qc7 17.Nxe6+ fxe6 18.h4±)*

B2b21221)

Ftacnik: 'The best and the most critical variation was:' The best and the most critical variation was: 17.Nxc6 Qc5 18.Na5 *(18.Rxd7?! Bxd7 19.Qxe5+ Qxe5 20.Nxe5±)* 18...b4 *(18...Rfc8 19.Nb3±)* 19.Nb3 Qc4 *(19...Bxb3 20.axb3 bxc3 21.Rxd7 cxb2+ 22.Kxb2±)* 20.Nd5 Qxe4 21.Rhe1 *(21.Nc7? Bf5)* 21...Qc4 22.Rxe5!± ;

B2b21222)

17.Nf5+?

Ftacnik: 'This check spoiles all white's previous achievements in this game.' This check spoiles all white's previous achievements in this game. 17...Bxf5 18.exf5 Nf6 Ftacnik: 'Now black has a reasonable position. ' Now black has a reasonable position. 19.Rhe1 Rfe8 20.Ne4 Rad8 21.Rxd8 Qxd8

B2b212221)

22.Rd1 Qe7 *(22...Nd5? 23.f6+)* 23.f3;

B2b212222)

22.fxg6 Ftacnik: 'There was no reason to hurry with this exchange.' There was no reason to hurry with this exchange. 22...hxg6 23.Rd1 Nd5= 0-1 Grischuk,A-Shirov,A/Dubai UAE 2002/ (30);

B2b2123) 11...a5 'Finkel,A: 'Leko has a lot of experience in playing this position and in none of the games he faced serious problems after the opening. This one

was not an exception. Ftacnik: 'Black very correctly sees his chances on the queenside, he has to compensate for white's kingside attacking potential.'' Rabinovich,Al: 'A strong improvment! Pushing the a ♙ is the quickest way.'' Finkel,A: 'Leko has a lot of experience in playing this position and in none of the games he faced serious problems after the opening. This one was not an exception. Ftacnik: 'Black very correctly sees his chances on the queenside, he has to compensate for white's kingside attacking potential.'' Rabinovich,Al: 'A strong improvment! Pushing the a♙ is the quickest way.'

B2b21231) 12.Nh2 **B2b212311)** 12...a4 13.Ng4 Nh5 *(13...a3 14.b3 Bxg4* Ftacnik: 'looks tempting for black, but was proved to be wrong after' looks tempting for black, but was proved to be wrong after *15.hxg4 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qd4 17.Qh4!)* 14.Bxg7 Nxg7 15.f4 1-0 Oratovsky,M-Fernandes,A/Maia 2003/ (67) Ftacnik: '1-0 Oratovsky,M-Fernandes,A/Maia 2003/ (67) with a small edge for white' with a small edge for white;

B2b212312) 12...Re8 **B2b2123121)** 13.Ng4 Nh5! 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 Ftacnik: 'leads to the previous note' Ftacnik: 'leads to the previous note' 15.Ne2 *(15.g3!?)* 15...f6 16.Rhf1 Nf4 17.g3 Bxg4 18.hxg4 Nxe2+ 19.Qxe2 a4 with an equal game ½-½ Oratovsky,M-Ivanov,J/Mondariz Balneario 2003/ (50) Ftacnik: 'with an equal game ½-½ Oratovsky,M-Ivanov,J/Mondariz Balneario 2003/ (50)';

B2b2123122) 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rdf1 Ftacnik: 'white wants to play f2-f4

and create an attack on the kingside' white wants to play f2-f4 and create an attack on the kingside *(14.Ng4 Nh5* leads to the previous note*)* 14...Be6 15.f4 exf4 16.Rxf4 Nd7 Ftacnik: 'Black wishes to stabilize the situation in the centre and then start an offense on the queenside' Black wishes to stabilize the situation in the centre and then start an offense on the queenside 17.Rh4

B2b21231221)

17...Kg8? 18.Qh6 Nf8 19.Nf3 Qg3 *(19...f6 20.e5! fxe5 21.Ne4* Ftacnik: 'with a very strong initiative' with a very strong initiative*)* 20.Qd2! Ftacnik: 'with the idea to play e5 and Ne4 ot to close the black queen with Rf4' with the idea to play e5 and Ne4 ot to close the black queen with Rf4 *(20.Ng5?* Ftacnik: 'is not good in view of' is not good in view of *Qe3+ 21.Kb1 f6)* 20...Qc7 21.e5 Ftacnik: 'with big advantage for white' with big advantage for white;

B2b21231222)

17...h5 Ftacnik: 'forced, other lines give white the advantage' forced, other lines give white the advantage 18.Nf3 Ne5

B2b212312221)

Ftacnik: 'The immideate' The immideate 19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.g4? Ftacnik: 'is bad due to' is bad due to Qg3! Ftacnik: 'and the funny position of the white rook allows black to win it' and the funny position of the white rook allows black to win it 21.Qe1 *(21.Qg5 f6)* 21...Qxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Kh6! Ftacnik: 'winning for black' winning for black;

B2b212312222)

19.Rf1 Ftacnik: 'White's idea now

is to exchange the knights and play g2-g4' White's idea now is to exchange the knights and play g2-g4

B2b2123122221)

19...a4 20.Nxe5 *(20.g4* Ftacnik: 'is also not dangerous' is also not dangerous *Nxf3 21.Rxf3 Qe7 22.Qf2 hxg4 23.hxg4 Rh8* Ftacnik: 'with equality' with equality *)* 20...Qxe5 21.g4 a3 *(21...Qg3? 22.Qg5!* Ftacnik: 'with a strong attack since black doesn't have f7-f6 now' with a strong attack since black doesn't have f7-f6 now*; 21...Rh8* Ftacnik: 'is also possible and there's nothing special for white' is also possible and there's nothing special for white*)* 22.b3 Rh8 Ftacnik: 'and black is fine' and black is fine;

B2b2123122222)

19...Nxf3 Ftacnik: 'Black could have played an immideate 19... a4 with a further b5 or a3 since white's attack on the kingside is not dangerous' Black could have played an immideate 19... a4 with a further b5 or a3 since white's attack on the kingside is not dangerous 20.Rxf3 Qe5 21.Ne2 ½-½ Rublevsky,S-Korotylev,A/Tomsk 2004/ (30) Ftacnik: '½-½ Rublevsky,S-Korotylev,A/Tomsk 2004/ (30)' *(21.g4* Ftacnik: 'is answered by' is answered by *Rh8)*;

B2b21232)

12.Bxg7 Kxg7

B2b212321) 13.g4 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: 'White's plan is to transfer the knight to g3, however it's not perfectly clear what to do next.'' Finkel,A: 'White's plan is to transfer the knight to g3, however it's not perfectly clear what to do next.' a4 14.Ne2 *(* Ftacnik: 'interesting was' interesting was *14.Nh4!? b5 15.f4*

'!?' Ftacnik. *exf4 16.Nf3* Ftacnik: 'with compensation for the pawn.' with compensation for the pawn. *Nd7 17.Ne2±)* 14...b5

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Ftacnik: 'Didn't work' Didn't work 15.d4? cxd4 16.Nexd4 Qc5! *(16...exd4 17.e5 Qd8 18.exf6+ Qxf6 19.Nxd4±)* 17.Nf5+ Bxf5 18.exf5 Ne4-+ Ftacnik: 'and black is winning.' and black is winning.;

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15.Ng3 b4 16.Qg5 Re8 17.Nd2 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: ' This move is very difficult to explain. Black's reply is so simple and logical so there is no doubt that Shirov considered it while playing Nd2, however he still played that awfull move after which white has to fight for equality. He had a choice between'' Finkel,A: ' This move is very difficult to explain. Black's reply is so simple and logical so there is no doubt that Shirov considered it while playing Nd2, however he still played that awfull move after which white has to fight for equality. He had a choice between' *(17.Nh5+ Nxh5 18.gxh5 h6 19.Qg3 g5 20.h4 f6 21.hxg5 fxg5 22.Nxg5 hxg5 23.Qxg5+ Kh7 24.Rdg1 Qh6 25.Qxh6+ Kxh6 26.Rg6+ Kh7 27.Rxc6 Ra5∞* Ftacnik: 'which actually looks ok for black and' which actually looks ok for black and*; 17.Nh4!?* Ftacnik: 'leading to very unclear struggle.' leading to very unclear struggle. *)* 17...a3

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18.b3 Qd4 19.Nc4 Qa1+ *(RR19...h6 20.Qe3 Ba6 21.Ne2 Qxe3+ 22.fxe3 Bxc4 23.bxc4=)* 20.Kd2 Qc3+ *(20...Qxa2?? 21.Ra1+-)* 21.Ke2 Qxc2+ 22.Qd2 Qxd2+ 23.Rxd2∓

Ftacnik: 'and the life goes on, even though black probably keeps slightly better chances.' and the life goes on, even though black probably keeps slightly better chances.;

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18.bxa3

'Finkel,A: ' One bad move drags another. It was necessary to play Ftacnik: 'It is nice to have lot of courage, but objectively this move is just wrong as it puts white's king into great danger.'" Finkel,A: ' One bad move drags another. It was necessary to play Ftacnik: 'It is nice to have lot of courage, but objectively this move is just wrong as it puts white's king into great danger." 18...h6 19.Qe3 Be6 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: ' Now black is threatening to take on a3.'' Finkel,A: ' Now black is threatening to take on a3. ' *(19...Rxa3? 20.Nc4)*

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20.g5 hxg5 21.Qxg5

B2b2123212211)

21...Rxa3 Ftacnik 22.Nc4! Qd4 *(⩲22...Bxc4* Ftacnik *23.Nf5++-)* 23.Nxa3 bxa3 24.Kd2±;

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21...Qd8! 22.Nf5+ Bxf5 23.exf5 Rxa3 24.fxg6 Rxa2 25.Nf3 Qd5∓;

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20.Nb3 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: 'Deciding at least to take a pawn, but it doesn't make white's defensive task any easier.'' Finkel,A: 'Deciding at least to take a pawn, but it doesn't make white's defensive task any easier.' 20...Rxa3 21.Qxc5 Qb8 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: 'Of course black prefers to keep the queens.'' Finkel,A: 'Of course black prefers to keep the queens.' 22.Kb2 Nd7 Ftacnik: 'Finkel,A: 'Bringing another piece to

the attack." Finkel, A: 'Bringing another piece to the attack.' 23.Qe3 Nb6→ 0-1 Shirov,A-Leko,P/Dortmund GER 2002/ (31);

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13.Ne2 b5 14.d4!? cxd4 15.Nexd4 Nxe4 *(15...exd4* Ftacnik *16.e5 Qe6 17.exf6+ Qxf6 18.Qxd4=)* 16.Qe3 exd4 17.Qxe4 Be6=;

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13.Nh2!?

Ftacnik: 'This move is better than 13. g4' This move is better than 13.g4 13...a4 14.Ng4 Ng8 *(14...Bxg4?! 15.hxg4 Nxg4 16.f3 Nf6 17.Qh6+ Kg8 18.g4→)* 15.Ne2!?

Ftacnik: 'Sacrifise of the pawn is very logical,since it is rapid game and position occured is very tactical.' Sacrifise of the pawn is very logical, since it is rapid game and position occured is very tactical. *(15.Kb1* Ftacnik: 'In the same tournament Grischuk tried also this move,but without any spacial success.' In the same tournament Grischuk tried also this move,but without any spacial success. *a3 16.b3 Qd4 17.Nh2 b5 18.Nf3 Qd6 19.Ne2 Be6 20.g3 Rad8 21.Ng5 c4↑* ½-½ Grischuk,A-Leko,P/Moscow RUS 2002/ (55) Ftacnik: '½-½ Grischuk,A-Leko,P/Moscow RUS 2002/ (55)' *)* 15...Bxg4 16.hxg4 Qe6 17.Kb1 Qxg4 18.f3

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18...Qxg2!?

Ftacnik: 'It is scary and stupid to play such a move in rapid,but black could have tried it.' It is scary and stupid to play such a move in rapid,but black could have tried it. 19.Qe3 *(19.f4!?⩱)* 19...f5! 20.Rdg1 *(20.exf5 Rxf5 21.Rdg1 Qxf3 22.Ng3!! Raf8□ 23.Nxf5+ Rxf5 24.Qd2 Nf6∓)* 20...f4∓;

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18...Qe6 19.g4 f6 20.f4 a3

(20...Qxg4 21.f5 Qg5 22.Qe1 a3 23.b3⩱) 21.f5⩲ Qd7 22.b3 g5!? Ftacnik: 'The best decision.Now black has only one weakness on h7, which he can easily protect.' The best decision.Now black has only one weakness on h7, which he can easily protect. 23.Qe3 h6 24.c3 Ftacnik: 'Of course that black's extra pawn is not felt now,so white concentrates on advancing d4 and bringing his knight into the game.' Of course that black's extra pawn is not felt now,so white concentrates on advancing d4 and bringing his knight into the game. Qe7! Grischuk,A-Ponomariov,R/RUS-The World/2002/ Sicilian Rossolimo-6.h3 ♘f6 7. ♘c3 0-0_62651 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Ftacnik] Ftacnik: 'Grischuk,A-Ponomariov,R/RUS-The World/2002/ Again some sharp defensive idea by Ponomariov.There was no taste on trying to prevent d4, but putting pressure on e4 pawn is clearly the best.' Again some sharp defensive idea by Ponomariov.There was no taste on trying to prevent d4, but putting pressure on e4 pawn is clearly the best.;

B2b22) 9...Ne8 10.Bh6 f6 11.e5 Be6 12.0-0-0 Bd5 13.Bxg7 Nxg7 14.Ne4 Qd7 15.Rhe1 Rad8 16.b3 Qc7 17.exf6 exf6 18.Kb2 Nf5 19.Qc3 Qg7;

B3) 5...Nd7 **Δ** e5 & e5 6.e5! Nb6 7.Nbd2 Bf5 *(7...Bg4?! 8.h3 Bh5 9.e6!↑)* 8.0-0 e6 9.b3 Be7 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Re1 a5! 12.a4 Nd5 13.Ne4 Qc7 *(13...Bg4!? 14.h3 Bh5 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.Qe2 Nb4)* 14.Nfd2 b5 *(14...Nb4 15.Nc4±)* 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.Qg4! **Δ** h4-h5 & h4-h5 Nb4 17.Rec1 *(17.Rac1 Na2 18.Rcd1 Nb4=)* 17...Rfd8 18.Nde4 Qd7!? *(18...c4 19.bxc4 bxc4 20.dxc4 c5 21.h4 Nc6 22.h5 Bxe4 23.Nxe4↑)* 19.Qe2 Qc7 20.Qg4 Qd7 21.h4 Bf5 22.Qf4! 0-1 Bologan,V-Lautier,J/Poikovsky 2003/ (57)]

[4.Qe2 g6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Qc4 Nc7

7.Qxc5 Nxb5 8.Qxb5 d6 9.exd6 Qxd6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.c3 Bg4 12.d4 Bxf3 13.gxf3 0-0 14.Nd2 Rfd8 15.Ne4 Qc7 16.Kg2 h6 17.Be3 e6 18.Qe2 b6 19.Rad1 Ne7 20.Ng3 Rac8 ½-½ Adams,M-Komarov,D/France 2003/ (37) ½-½ Adams,M-Komarov,D/France 2003/ (37)]

[4.Nc3

A) 4...e5 5.Bxc6 *(5.0-0 d6 6.d3 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.Bc4 h6 9.a3 Re8 10.Nh2 Be6 11.Nd5 Bf8 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Ng4 Qg6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.c3 Rad8 16.Qe2 Be7 17.b4 b6 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Qc2 Rb8 20.Be3 h5* 0-1 Morozevich,A-Kramnik,V/Frankfurt 2000/ (45)*)* 5...dxc6 6.Nxe5 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 *(7.Qh5 Nd6 8.Ne4 Qc7 9.Nxc5 Nf5!⩱* Velickovic *)*

A1) 7...Qd4 8.d3 *(8.Qe2)* 8...Qxe5 9.f4!N Qd5 10.Qe2

A1a) 10...Be6!? 11.c4 Qf5□ 12.Ng3 *(12.0-0 0-0-0 13.a3∞)* 12...Qg4 13.Qxg4 *(13.f5 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Bd7 15.Rf1±)* 13...Bxg4 14.h3 *(14.f5 Bd6)* 14...Bd7 15.f5 Be7 *(15...Bd6 16.Ne4 Be5 17.0-0 0-0-0 18.Bf4±)* 16.0-0 Bf6 17.Ne4 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 b6 19.Rb1 0-0 20.b3 Rad8 21.g4 Rfe8 22.Bf4**±**;

A1b) 10...Be7 11.c4 Qd8 12.0-0 0-0 13.f5 Re8 14.Be3 *(14.Bd2!?)* 14...Bf6 15.Rad1 *(15.Kh1!±)* 15...Bd4 16.Kh1 Re5 17.g4 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Qd4 19.Qxd4 cxd4 20.Rde1 Kf8 21.Nd6 Re7 22.c5 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Bd7 24.Re4?! 1-0 Glek,I-Kupreichik,V/Germany 2000/ (51)

(24.Kg2!±);

A2) 7...Qd5 8.Qe2 Qxe5

A2a) 9.f4 Gofshtein,L: 'with initiative' Gofshtein,L: 'with initiative' Qe7 *(9...Qxf4?! 10.d4 Qh4+ 11.g3 Qe7 12.Bg5 f6 13.0-0-0!±* Plaskett-Murey/Gausdal/1986 *)* 10.d4! *(10.f5Ↄ ↑↑)* 10...cxd4 11.f5 Qe5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Kh1∞ Sutovskij, Magerramov;

A2b) 9.d4 cxd4 10.f4

A2b1) 10...d3 11.cxd3 Bb4+ 12.Kd1 Qe7 13.a3 Ba5 14.f5 Bc7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Re1!**±**;

A2b2) 10...Qe6 11.f5 -⟶ Tischbierek-Gauglitz/Halle/1987 - ⟶Tischbierek-Gauglitz/Halle/1987;

A2b3) 10...Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Bb4 12.Nd6+ *(12.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qe7 15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.0-0-0⩱)* 12...Kd7 13.Nxf7 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Rf8 16.Ne5+ Kd6 17.Rhf1 Zakic-Bakic/Jugoslavia/1992;

A2b4) 10...Qe7 11.f5 Bd7 12.Bf4 d3 13.Nd6+! Kd8 14.Qxe7+ Kxe7 15.g4!**±** Sutovskij-Gorelov/Gdynia/1991;

B) 4...g6

B1) 5.h3 Nd4 6.e5 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 Nd5

B1a) 8.c4 Nb4 *(8...Nc7 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 b6 14.Rfd1 Qc6⇄*

Pavasovic,D-Licina,A/Bled op 1994 Pavasovic,D-Licina,A/Bled op 1994) 9.d4 a6 10.Nc3 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bg7 12.Bf4 0-0 13.0-0 d6 ½-½ Kiroski,T-Mitkovski,O/FRM-ch 1993 ½-½ Kiroski,T-Mitkovski,O/FRM-ch 1993;

B1b) 8.0-0 Nc7?! *(8...a6 9.c4 Nf4 10.Nc3 Ne6 11.d4 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bg7 13.Nf3 b5∞* Svidler,P-Nedev,T/XVI ECC 2000 Svidler,P-Nedev,T/XVI ECC 2000) 9.Nxc7+ Qxc7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Bg7 12.Bg5 d6 13.exd6 Bxd4 14.dxc7

B1b1) 14...Bc5 15.Rad1 Be6 16.Nd4 Bd7 *(16...Bxd4? 17.Rxd4 Rc8 18.Rfd1 0-0 19.Rd8+-)* 17.Rfe1 e6 18.Bf6 Rf8 19.Nb5! Rc8 20.Rd6! a6 21.Red1 1-0 Forster,R-Nedev,T/zt 1.2 2000 1-0 Forster,R-Nedev,T/zt 1.2 2000;

B1b2) 14...Bb6!? An attempt to improve black's play: An attempt to improve black's play: 15.Rfe1 Be6 16.Bf4 Rc8 17.Ng5 Bxc7 *(17...Bd5 18.Rad1 Bc6 19.Bd6 e6 20.Ne4 Bxe4 21.Rxe4±)* 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bxc7 Rxc7 20.c3± 1-0 Lautier,J-Nataf,I/Mondariz 2000/ (67) This position arised by force after 14th move of back and I must say that black's opening choise is not very successful:white has very convenient advantage and a lot of possibilities to improve his position,while black has very passive position,which he is to defend with or without success till the end of the game. This position arised by force after 14th move of back and I must say that black's opening choise is not very successful:white has very convenient advantage and a lot of possibilities to improve his position,while black has very passive position,which he is to defend with or without success till the end of the game.;

B2) 5.e5 Ng4 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.h3 Nh6 8.g4 f5 9.g5 Nf7 10.d3 Be6 11.Qe2 Bg7 12.h4! Bd5 *(12...Qa5 13.Bd2±; 12...b5 13.Bf4±; 12...h5* Δ 0-0 Δ 0-0 *13.gxh6 Bxh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.0-0-0±)* 13.Nxd5 *(13.e6? Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxh1 15.Nf7 Qd4∓)* 13...Qxd5 *(13...cxd5?! 14.e6 Nd6 15.h5 Qb6 16.c3±)* 14.c4! *(14.Bf4?! Nd8!=)* 14...Qe6 15.Bf4 h6 *(15...h5 16.0-0±)* 16.0-0-0 Rd8 *(16...0-0-0 17.Qe3 b6 18.b3±* Δ d4 Δ d4 *)*

B2a) 17.Qe3 b6 18.b3 hxg5 19.hxg5 Rxh1 20.Rxh1 Kf8 21.Rd1 *(21.d4 cxd4 22.Nxd4 Qd7 23.Nf3 Qe6)* 21...Kg8 22.Rd2 *(22.d4 cxd4 23.Nxd4 Qd7 24.e6? Bxd4 25.exf7+ Kxf7∓)* 22...Kf8 23.d4 cxd4 24.Nxd4 Qc8± *(24...Qd7 25.Qf3±)*;

B2b) 17.Kc2 Kf8?! *(⌓17...hxg5 18.hxg5 Rxh1 19.Rxh1 Kf8±)* 18.Rhg1! hxg5 19.Bxg5! ½-½ Khalifman,A-Lautier,J/Wijk aan Zee 2002/ (43) ½-½ Khalifman,A-Lautier, J/Wijk aan Zee 2002/ (43) *(19.hxg5 Rh3±)*;

C) 4...d6 5.e5±;

D) 4...Qc7 Gofshtein,L: 'Much stronger than the previously played 4...Nd4 5.e5 Nb5 6.Nb5 Nd5 7.Ng5! with an attack, or' 5.0-0

D1) 5...e5 6.d3 h6 7.Nh4! g5?! 8.Nf5 Nd4 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Ne2± Glek-Brendel/Krumbach/ 1991;

D2) 5...a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.e5 Practically forced. Otherwise black plays 7...e5 and gets a comfortable play *(7.h3 e5 8.d3 Bd6 9.Be3 h6⇄* 0-1 Siemes,R-Kalinitschew,S/Dortmund 2003/ (26) *)* 7...Nd5 8.Ne4 Bg4!?N An interesting novelty which changes the assessment of this variation. 8...Bf5 or 8...c4 as was played before are much worse *(8...Bf5 9.Nxc5 e6 10.Nb3 Be7 11.d4* 1-0 Kupreichik,V-Krug,N/ Cuxhaven 1993/ (28)*; 8...c4 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Neg5↑* 1-0 Kovalev,A-Goetz,R/Neu Isenburg 1992/EXT 2003 (21)*)* 9.Nxc5 e6 10.Nd3 White tries to hold on to his material advantage. In case of 10.d4 black has no problems *(10.d4 Bxc5 11.dxc5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qxe5)* 10...Rd8 Bringing the rook to centre and preparing the advance of the pawns on the queenside 11.b3 White tries to finish his development c5 12.Bb2 b5 With the idea to break with c5-c4 13.c4 Practically forced in order to stop the black pawns on the queenside Nb6 14.Nde1 Qc6 Black strengthens his position, creating a threat of taking on c4. The immideate recapture of the pawn is impossible in view of 14... bc 15.bc Nc4 16.Qa4+ 15.Rc1 bxc4 16.bxc4 Be7 Finishing the development. Black has a long time initiative for the sacrificed pawn (a pair of bishops and a pressure over the d-file) 17.h3 Bh5 18.d4 White tries to open the position and to get rid of the black's pressure. The other possible plan was 18.d3 with a slower game *(18.d3!? Bg6 19.Qc2 0-0 20.Rb1 Rb8 21.Nd2 Rfd8 22.Bc3)* 18...0-0 19.Qb3 Rfe8 Black waits to see what will happen, protecting his bishop in advance in view of a possible pin by Ba3 20.Qe3 Qa4 Black is activizing his queen and attacks white's weaknesses c4 and a2 21.Nd2 21.Qa3 deserved attention, offering the exchange of queens *(21.Qa3!?; 21.dxc5 Nxc4 22.Qc3 Nxb2 23.Qxb2 Rc8)* 21...Qxa2

D2a) 22.dxc5!? Qxb2 23.Rc2 Qb4 24.cxb6 Bg6 *(24...Bc5 25.Nd3 Bxe3 26.Nxb4 Bxd2 27.Nc6 Rc8 28.Na7 Ba5 29.Nxc8 Rxc8 30.c5↑)* 25.Ne4 Rb8⇄;

D2b) 22.Nd3?! After this move black seizes the initiative and gets a material advantage. 22.dc deserved

attention with an unclear position 22...cxd4 Now the minimal material advantage is on the black side 23.Qg3 *(23.Bxd4? Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Qxd2∓)* 23...Qa5!? 23...Qa4 also deserves attention, moving away the queen and blacking white's c-pawn *(23...Qa4!? 24.Nf4 Bg6 25.Nxg6 hxg6)* 24.Ne4

D2b1) 24...Be2!? 25.Ra1 *(25.Rfe1 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Qxe5)* 25...Na4 26.Bc1

D2b11) 26...Bh4!? 27.Qxh4 *(27.Nf6+ Bxf6 28.exf6 g6∓)* 27...Bxd3↑;

D2b12) 26...Bxd3 27.Bh6 Bf8 28.Qxd3 Qxe5 29.Rxa4 f5 30.Nd2 gxh6;

D2b2) 24...Bg6?! 24...Be2 is stronger and as the variations show black has a fine game 25.Nd6!? White complicates the game, hoping to get a dangerous passed pawns *(25.Ra1 Na4 26.Qf3 Rd7⇄)* 25...Bxd6 26.exd6 e5 . 0-1 Lima,D-Zvjaginsev,V/ Tripoli 2004/ (40);

D3) 5...e6?! 6.Re1

D3a) 6...Ng4!? 7.Bxc6!? bxc6 *(≤7...Qxc6 8.d4↻ →)* 8.e5 f6 9.d4!? *(9.exf6 Nxf6⇄)* 9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 fxe5 12.Rxe5↻ 1-0 Shirov,A-Van Wely,L/ Germany 2003/;

D3b) 6...Be7 7.e5 Ng4 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.d4 f5 10.h3 Nh6 11.Bg5 Bf8 12.Be3± Istratescu,A-Chernyshov,K/ Pardubice op/1997/;

D3c) 6...a6 7.Bxc6 Qxc6 8.d4↻ →;

D3d) 6...d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nd5↑ 0-1 Glek,I-Kuzmin,G/ Moscow 1992/EXT 97 (37);

D4) 5...Nd4

D4a) 6.Nxd4 is the most principal one. cxd4 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Qc5 9.c4 a6 *(9...dxc3 10.Qb3 a6 11.Be2 c2 12.d4! Qd6 13.Bf3 g6 14.Bd2 Qf6 15.d6! Qxd6 16.Rfe1↑* 1-0 Anand,V-Leko,P/ XX SuperGM, Linares ESP 2003 (72) *)* 10.b4 *(10.Ba4 Qxc4 11.Bb3 Qd3 12.Re1∞)* 10...Qxb4 11.Ba4 b5 *(11...g6 12.d3 b5 13.Bb3 Bg7 14.Bd2 Qd6 15.Qe1 bxc4 16.Bb4 Qe5 17.dxc4 a5! 18.Bxa5 Qxe1 19.Bxe1=* ½-½ Ulibin,M-Gagunashvili,M/5th Open, Dubai UAE 2003 (26)*)* 12.cxb5 g6 13.b6 Bg7 14.d3 0-0 15.Bg5 Bb7 16.Re1 e6 17.dxe6 ½-½ Ulibin,M-Avrukh, B/MTO, Biel SUI 2003 (17);

D4b) 6.d3 a6 7.Bc4 e6 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.Ne2 Nxe4 10.dxe4 Qxc4 11.Nxd4 e5 12.Nf5 Qxe4 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.Qxd6 f6 15.f4 b5 16.Bd2 Bb7 17.Rf2 Qc6 18.Qxc6 ½-½ Anand,V-Ivanchuk,V/ Moscow 2001/ (18);

D4c) 6.Re1 Erenburg: 'White has the following possibilities:'

D4c1) 6...e5 7.Bc4 Be7 8.d3 d6 9.Nd2 Bg4 10.f3 Be6 11.Nf1 Nd7? *(⌓11...0-0)* 12.Nd5 Bxd5

13.Bxd5 Nf6 14.Ne3 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Qd8 16.f4± 1-0 Volokitin,A-Gagunashvili, M/BCSA Open, Batumi GEO 2003 (69);

D4c2) 6...a6 Erenburg: 'Black has tried also'

D4c21) 7.Bf1 White has another continuations: e5 *(7...Ng4* is interesting attempt to equalize. *8.g3 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 Ne5 10.Qd1 e6 11.f4 Nc6 12.e5 d5 13.exd6 Bxd6 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Bg2 0-0 16.Ne3=* 0-1 Sutovsky,E-McShane,L/11th Sigeman & Co, Malmoe SWE 2003 (50) *)*

D4c211) 8.Bc4 d6 9.h3 Be6 10.d3 b5 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.a4 b4 13.Nxd4 cxd4 14.Na2 a5 15.c3 bxc3 16.bxc3 Be7 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Bg5 0-0∞ 0-1 Oral,T-Kovalev,A/ CZE 2002/ (27);

D4c212) 8.h3 Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 d6 10.a4 Be6 11.b3 Be7 12.Bc4 Qa5 13.Bb2 0-0 14.Re2? *(14.Qe2!?)* 14...Bxc4 15.bxc4 Qb4∓ ½-½ Ivanchuk,V-Kramnik,V/Amber Blindfold, Monte Carlo MNC 2003 (61);

D4c213) 8.d3 Be7 9.Bg5 d6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.c3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Be6 15.Qb3 Rb8 16.a4 0-0= ½-½ Nevednichy, V-Bauer,C/Bled 2002/ (41);

D4c214) 8.Nd5 White wants to prove, that black's opening strategy is faulty, through opening the "e" line for his rook. 8...Nxd5 9.exd5 d6

D4c2141) 10.Nxd4 comes to consideration. cxd4 11.c3 dxc3 *(11...Qc5!?)* 12.dxc3 Be7 13.Bd3±;

D4c2142) 10.c3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 Be7 12.d4 Trying to use the development advantage, white opens the position with this breakthrough. 0-0

D4c21421) Much more attractive is 13.Qg3! cxd4 14.cxd4 Bf6! *(14...exd4 15.Bd3↑; 14...Qa5 15.Bh6)* 15.dxe5 *(15.Bd3 Qa5)* 15...Bxe5 16.Bf4 f6 17.Rac1⟳;

D4c21422) 13.dxe5?! This move is unsuccessful, as it gives black excelent square d6

for his dark-squared bishop. 13...dxe5 14.Qg3N In the previous game white continued *(14.c4 Bd6 15.b3 Bd7 16.Bb2 Rae8 17.Qg3 f6 18.Qh4 f5 19.f3 Rf6∓* 0-1 Velcheva,M-Kosintseva,T/Bled 2002/ (31)*)* 14...Bd6 15.c4 f5 16.Bd2 Rf6 17.Qa3 a5 18.Bc3?! What about the queen? *(18.Rad1* deserves attention.*)* 18...Rg6 19.Rad1 Bd7∓ Black has a space advantage, that allows him to develop the initiative, especially, on the kingside. 20.Rd3?! Beginning of the wrong plan. Where is the rook going? *(* More logical seems *20.Qb3)* 20...e4 *(* Interesting alternative is *20...b5 21.Bd2 b4 22.Qb3 a4 23.Qd1∓)* 21.Rh3 b6 22.Qb3 Re8! Black gets into the game all his pieces. *(22...f4? 23.Rh5 Bg4 24.Rh4 Qe7 25.Rxg4 Rxg4 26.f3±)* 23.Qc2?! *(* Better was *23.Rh5 f4 24.h3∞* This position is not so easy to evaluate, but I would prefer to play it for black, in view of discoordination between pair of white's rooks.*)* 23...f4 24.Rh5 *(24.Rh4 Qd8-+)* 24...Bg4 25.Rh4 Bf3 0-1 Sokolov,A-Lautier,J/Aix les Bains 2003/ (32);

D4c22) 7.Bc4 '!?' Gofshtein,L. d6 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 g6 *(9...Bg4!?)* 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.d3 h6 12.b4 Bg7 13.Qe2 Bf6 14.Qf3 Kf8 15.Bb2 Qb6 16.a3± ½-½ Kasparov,G-Leko,P/XX SuperGM, Linares ESP 2003 (33);

D4c23) 7.e5! Nxb5 8.exf6 Nxc3 *(8...gxf6!?* is perhaps also playable: *9.Ne4 Bg7∞)* 9.fxg7 Bxg7 10.dxc3± Yurtaev-Ivantschuk/Frunze/1988 d6 11.Ng5 Bf5 12.a4 Qc6 13.Qe2 Bf6 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Qxe4 Qxe4 16.Rxe4 d5 ½-½ Anand,V-Kramnik,V/XX SuperGM,

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E) 4...Nd4 5.e5 Nxb5 6.Nxb5 Nd5

E1) 7.0-0!? a6 8.c4

E1a) 8...Nb4!? 9.Nc3 d6 10.exd6 Qxd6 11.d4 cxd4 12.Ne4∞ Motwani-Chandler/Blackpool/1990;

E1b) 8...axb5? 9.cxd5 g6 *(9...e6 10.d4! b6 11.Ng5! f5* Horvath,T-Bilek/Zalaegerszeg/1982 *12.exf6+-)* 10.d4 cxd4 11.d6! Ra6 12.Re1 h6 13.Bd2! Bg7 14.dxe7 Qxe7 15.a3+- Horvath,T-Pirisi/Budapest/1979;

E1c) 8...Nb6 9.Nc3 d5 10.d4 cxd4 *(10...e6 11.Bg5! Qd7 12.cxd5±* Sax-Sweschnikow/Hastings/1977/78*)* 11.Qxd4 dxc4 *(11...Be6? 12.c5 Nd7 13.Rd1±)* 12.Qh4 Bf5 13.Be3± Rasik-Plachetka/Ostrava/1992;

E2) 7.Ng5 Roiz,M: 'The practice shows that this is hard line for black.' Roiz,M: 'The practice shows that this is hard line for black.'

E2a) 7...Qb6?? 8.Qf3+- Barua-Martincevic/London/1987;

E2b) 7...f5

E2b1) 8.0-0

E2b11) 8...g6 9.d4 Nc7 10.Qe2 h6 11.Nf3 Nxb5 12.Qxb5 e6 13.dxc5± 0-1 Polovnikova,E-Cmilyte,V/Rimavska Sobota 1996/ (86);

E2b12) 8...e6 9.d4 b6 *(9...c4 10.b3 c3 11.Qf3 Qa5 12.a4 a6 13.Nd6+ Bxd6 14.exd6* ½-½ Gipslis,A-Schmittdiel,E/Dortmund 1998/ (14) ½-½ Gipslis,A-Schmittdiel,E/Dortmund 1998/ (14)*)* 10.c4 Ba6 11.cxd5 Bxb5 12.dxe6 Bxf1 13.Nf7 Qh4 14.Qxf1 Rg8 15.Qb5 Rd8 16.Bg5 1-0 Klimov,S-Hedman,E/IM Salongernas, Stockholm SWE 1999 (16);

E2b13) 8...a6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.dxc3 *(10.bxc3 e6 11.d4 Be7 12.d5! 0-0 13.Qh5 h6 14.Nh3±* 1-0 Landa,K-Hanel,R/Velden 1996 1-0 Landa,K-Hanel,R/Velden 1996*)* 10...e6 11.Qf3 *(11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qf3 g6 13.Qg3 b6 14.Nh3 Bg7 15.Bg5 0-0 16.Be7 Re8 17.Bd6 Qc6 18.Nf4 Bb7 19.Qg5 Qc8 20.Rad1 Be4 21.h4 Qd8 22.Qg3 Kh8 23.f3 Bxc2 24.Rd2 Ba4 25.Nh3↑ Bh6 26.Ng5 Bxg5 27.hxg5↑* ½-½ Zezulkin,J-Agamaliev,G/Polanica Zdroj POL 1999 (38) ½-½ Zezulkin,J-Agamaliev,G/Polanica Zdroj POL 1999 (38) *)* 11...g6 12.Qg3 b6 13.h4 Bb7 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Bf4

E2b131) 15...h6??

E2b1311) 16.Nf3

Rg8 *(16...Kf7 17.h5 g5 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Nxg5+ Ke7 20.Nf7 Kxf7 21.Qg6+ Ke7 22.Qf6+ Ke8 23.Qxh8±)* 17.Rd2 0-0-0±;

E2b1312) 16.Nxe6 dxe6 17.Qxg6+ Qf7 18.Qxf7+ Kxf7 19.Rd7+±;

E2b132) ⍝15...Bc6 Black should have the bishop defending on the d7 pawn, because he cannot prevent white bishop from getting to the h4-d8 ⇗ and, therefore, weakenning the pawn Black should have the bishop defending on the d7 pawn, because he cannot prevent white bishop from getting to the h4-d8 ⇗ and, therefore, weakenning the pawn 16.Nf3 0-0-0 17.Bg5 Re8;

E2b133) 15...Qc6? 16.Nf3 0-0-0 *(16...Be7 17.Bg5* With the exchange of the dark colour bishops the black squares will be a very easy target for white's pieces. With the exchange of the dark colour bishops the black squares will be a very easy target for white's pieces.*)* 17.Bg5 Re8 18.Bf6 Rg8 19.Rd2 h6? *(* There still had time to correct the mistake and bring the bishop to the defense: There still had time to correct the mistake and bring the bishop to the defense: *19...Qc7 20.Rad1 Bc6=)* 20.Rad1 g5 *(20...Qc7 21.Rxd7 Qxd7 22.Rxd7 Kxd7 23.Nd2 b5 24.c4±)*

E2b1331) also possible was: also possible was: 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Nxg5 f4 23.Qg4 Bh6 24.Rxd7 *(24.f3)* 24...Bxg5 25.Bxg5 Qxg2+ *(25...Qxd7 26.Rxd7 Kxd7 27.Qxf4 Ref8 28.Qd2+ Kc8 29.Qd6±)* 26.Qxg2 Bxg2 27.Kxg2 Rxg5+ 28.Kf3 Rxe5 29.Ra7 Rd5 30.Rxd5 exd5 31.Ra8+ Kd7 32.Rxe8 Kxe8 33.Kxf4+-;

E2b1332) 21.Rxd7 g4 22.Ne1 Qxd7 23.Rxd7 Kxd7 24.Nd3 From the material point of view black stands fine, but there is one 'tiny' problem: both

his rooks are completely paralized by the bishop on f6. Unfortunately for black he cannot exchange the black bishops because of the dark squares weakness. From the material point of view black stands fine, but there is one 'tiny' problem: both his rooks are completely paralized by the bishop on f6. Unfortunately for black he cannot exchange the black bishops because of the dark squares weakness.

E2b13321) 24...Be7 25.Qe3 *(25.Nf4 Kc8 26.Qd3 Rd8 27.Qc4)* 25...g3 26.f3±;

E2b13322) 24...c4 25.Nf4 Bc5 26.b4! Hansen,S-Agdestein,S/Visa Nordic/1999/ Forcing further weakenning of black's position. Forcing further weakenning of black's position.;

E2b2) 8.Qf3 e6 9.h4 a6 10.Nc3 Nb4 11.Kd1 Be7 12.d3 0-0 13.Qh5 h6 14.Qg6 hxg5 15.hxg5 Bxg5 16.Rh7 Qe7 17.Qh5 Bh6 18.Bxh6 Qf7 19.Rxg7+ Qxg7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Kd2 b6 22.Rh1 Rg8 23.Qg5+ 1-0 Brajovic,R-Veneteanu,I/TIT Festival, Bucharest ROM 1999 (23);

E2b3) 8.exf6 -→7...-f6 -→7...-f6;

E2c) 7...h6

E2c1) 8.Ne4 Qb6?! *(⌓8...a6)* 9.c4

E2c11) 9...g6 10.Qe2 Nf4 *(10...Nc7?? 11.Nxc7+ Qxc7 12.Nd6+!+-)* 11.Qf3±;

E2c12) 9...a6 10.cxd5 axb5 11.0-0∞;

E2c13) 9...Nf4? After the text black falls behind in development, which he will not be able to fix through the very end of the game. 10.Qf3

E2c131) 10...g5?!

E2c1311) 11.d3? Ng6 12.Qg3 Bg7 13.e6 0-0∓;

E2c1312) 11.h4?! Ng6 12.hxg5 Nxe5 13.Qc3 d6 *(13...Bg7? 14.Rxh6! Bxh6 15.Qxe5+-)* 14.f4 Ng6 15.Qe3 Kd8∓;

E2c1313) 11.d4

E2c13131) 11...cxd4 12.Bxf4 gxf4 13.Qxf4

E2c131311) 13...Qa5+ 14.Kf1 Bg7 15.Ned6+ exd6 16.Nxd6+

Kd8 17.Nxf7+ Kc7 *(17...Ke7 18.Nxh8 Bxh8 19.Qxh6→)* 18.e6+;

E2c131312) 13...a6? 14.Nbd6+ exd6 15.Nf6+ Kd8 16.Nd5 Qa5+ *(16...Qc6 17.Qf6+ Ke8 18.Qxh8+-)* 17.b4 Qa4 18.Qf6+ Ke8 19.Nc7#;

E2c13132) 11...Ng6 12.dxc5±;

E2c132) 10...Ng6 11.Qg3 a6 12.Nbc3 e6 13.h4! Exploiting the lack of coordination of the black forces. h5 14.d3

E2c1321) 14...Be7 15.Bg5 Bxg5 *(15...0-0 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Qg5 Ng6 18.0-0-0+-)* 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Qxg5 Kg8 *(17...Qxb2?? 18.Qd8#)* 18.0-0-0;

E2c1322) 14...Qc6 15.a4! White does not want to give black any chance to get his pieces out or gain any space with the pawns. *(15.Bg5* was also possible of course but the text is much more percise. *b5 16.0-0 b4 17.Nd1 Bb7 18.Ne3±)* 15...b6 16.Bg5 Bb7 17.0-0

E2c13221) 17...d5 18.exd6 f5 19.Be3! *(19.Nd2? Bxd6∓)* 19...Kf7 *(19...0-0-0 20.Qxg6 fxe4 21.Nxe4±)* 20.Ng5+ Kg8 21.Nxe6+-;

E2c13222) 17...Qc7 18.f4 Black cannot wait untill white improves his position even more, and has to act somehow, the problem is that white is much better prepared for any kind of action d5 19.f5 Nxe5? *(19...dxe4 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.dxe4±; 19...exf5 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.exd6 Qd7 22.Rae1+ Kf8 23.cxd5±)* 20.fxe6 dxe4 *(20...fxe6 21.cxd5 exd5 22.Rf5+-)* 21.exf7+ Kd7 22.dxe4 Bd6 23.Rad1 Kc8 1-0 Hector,J-Borge, N/Gentofte 1999/ (23) *(23...Ke6 24.Bf4+-)* 24.Qxe5! Bxe5 25.f8Q+ Rxf8 26.Rxf8++-;

E2c2) 8.Nxf7! Kxf7 9.Qf3+ Nf6 *(9...Ke6 10.c4→ Nb6 11.d4 d5 12.dxc5+- Nxc4 13.Nd4+ Kd7 14.e6+ Kc7*

15.Bf4+ 1-0 Romero Holmes,A-Soto Perez,S/ Malaga 1998/ (15) *)* 10.exf6±

E2c21) 10...gxf6 11.Qh5+ Kg8 *(11...Kg7 12.a4 e6 13.Ra3 Rg8 14.Rg3+ Kh7 15.Rxg8 Kxg8 16.Qg6+ Kh8 17.d3+-* 1-0 Arancibia,E-Dumas Aviles,A/Santiago de Chile 1997/EXT 98 (31) *)* 12.Qxc5±;

E2c22) 10...exf6 11.Qd5+! Just in time! White has to prevent black from playing d7-d5. Just in time! White has to prevent black from playing d7-d5. Kg6 12.0-0 Qb6 13.Qd3+ Kf7 14.Re1 Qc6 Black is trying to finish his development by b7-b6, but he has no time. Black is trying to finish his development by b7-b6, but he has no time. 15.Nc3! *(15.c4?! b6 16.Nc3 Bb7 17.Nd5 Bd6)* 15...c4 *(15...b6 16.Qc4+ Kg6 17.Nd5! Bb7 18.Nf4+ Kh7 19.Qf7! Bd6 20.Qg6+ Kg8 21.Nh5* with full domination. with full domination. *)* 16.Qe4

E2c221) The only way to fight was The only way to fight was 16...Qxe4 17.Rxe4

E2c2211) 17...d5!? 18.Nxd5 Bd6 19.Ne3± *(19.Rxc4?! Be6 20.Rd4 Rhd8)*;

E2c2212) 17...b5 18.Nxb5 d5 19.Re1±;

E2c222) 16...Bc5?? This move loses immediately. This move loses immediately. 17.Qxc4+ Kg6 18.d4 Bb6 19.Qd3+ Kf7 20.d5 and black cannot finish his development. and black cannot finish his development.;

E2d) 7...e6 8.Ne4 Be7 *(8...f6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Nbd6+ Kf8 11.c4 Nf4 12.d4 Ng6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Bh6+ Kg8 15.dxc5+-* Macieja,B-Tomczak, R/POL-ch 59th Warsaw 2002 Macieja,B-Tomczak,R/POL-ch 59th Warsaw 2002*)* 9.c4 Nb4 10.Nbd6+ Kf8 11.d4 cxd4 12.Qh5 Nd3+ 13.Ke2 Nxc1+ 14.Raxc1 g6 15.Qf3 f5 16.exf6 Bxd6 17.Nxd6 Qb6 18.Qa3 Qa6 19.Qxa6 bxa6 20.c5 1-0 Tseshkovsky,V-Anastasian,A/Moscow 1995/ (37);

E2e) 7...Nc7? 8.Qh5! g6 9.Qf3 f6 *(9...f5 10.exf6 d6 11.Nxc7+ Qxc7 12.0-0 Bh6 13.d4 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 h6 15.Bh4 Qc6 16.f7+ Kf8 17.Bxe7+* 1-0 Yakovich,Y-Reinderman,D/Leeuwarden 1994/ (17) *)* 10.exf6+-;

E2f) 7...f6 8.Ne4!? *(8.exf6! Nxf6 9.0-0 Qb6 10.a4±* Hardicsay-Horvath,S/Budapest/ 1986 *)* 8...f5 9.c4 Nc7

10.Nxc5 Nxb5 11.cxb5 Qb6 12.d4 Qxb5 13.Nd3! g6 14.0-0 Bg7 15.a4 Qc4 16.Be3± b6 17.Rc1 Qf7 18.Qf3 Rb8 19.Rc7 a5 20.h4 0-0 21.h5 gxh5 22.Rfc1 e6 23.Nf4+- Hracek,Z-Nun,J/ Komercni Banka op 1999 Sicilian Rossolimo-4.Nc3 Nd4 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath,Ta]]

4...Nd5 5.Nc3

[5.0-0

A) 5...g6 6.c3 Richard Palliser: 'Sutovsky is happy to return play to a fairly normal line and we soon reach a position that often arises via 4 0-0 Bg7 5 c3 Nf6 6 e5 Nd5 7 d4 cxd4 8 cxd4 0-0.' *(6.Ng5 Nc7 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Qf3 Be6 9.d3 Bg7 10.Qg3 Bf5 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Nc4 h6 13.Nf3=* 1-0 Oral,T-Nevednichy, V/Bled 2002/ (43) *)* 6...Bg7 7.d4

A1) 7...Nc7 (Erenburg,Sergey) --→ ½-½ Fressinet,L-Degraeve,J/ Meribel 1998/CBM 67/[Smirin] (32)

A1a) 8.Bxc6?! Winning a pawn but giving to black the possibility to get more than sufficient compensation. Other possibilities were: Winning a pawn but giving to black the possibility to get more than sufficient compensation. Other possibilities were: dxc6 9.dxc5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bg4 11.Re1 *(11.Nbd2 Bxe5 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 Bg7 14.Be3 Rd8∓)* 11...Bxf3 12.gxf3 Ne6∓ Bad pawn structure on kingside and weaknesses on queenside gives to black better chances. Bad pawn structure on kingside and weaknesses on queenside gives to black better chances. 13.b4 0-0-0 14.Kg2 Rd5 15.f4 Rhd8 16.Be3 Rd1 17.Na3 Rxa1 18.Rxa1 Rd3 19.Rc1 Bh6!∓ ½-½ Fressinet,L-Degraeve,J/ Meribel 1998/ (32) returns a pawn and keeping positional pressure. ½-½ Fressinet,L-Degraeve,J/Meribel 1998/ (32) returns a pawn and keeping positional pressure.;

A1b) 8.a4!? 0-0 9.dxc5 Nxb5 10.axb5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Bh6 Re8 13.b6 a6 14.Na3 *(14.Re1!?)* 14...d5 15.f4 Bf6 16.Nb5 Bg4 17.Qxg4 axb5 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 19.Qd7↑ 1-0 Ponce Navalon,J-Gomez Jurado,L/ESP-ch 1993 (24) 1-0 Ponce Navalon,J-Gomez Jurado,L/ESP-ch 1993 (24);

A1c) 8.Ba4 0-0 9.dxc5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Bh6 Bg7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.c4∞ Ne6 14.Nc3 Qa5 15.Nd5 Qxc5 16.b4 Qxc4 17.Rc1 Qxa2 18.Re1 *(18.Nxe7 Qb2 19.Qd6≌)* 18...b5□ 19.Bxb5 Bb7∞ ½-½ Zaitsev,I-Nadyrhanov,S/Voskresensk 1993 (47) ½-½ Zaitsev,I-Nadyrhanov,S/Voskresensk 1993 (47);

A2) 7...cxd4 Richard Palliser: 'Erenburg,Sergey: 'Another possible continuation is'' Erenburg: 'Another possible continuation is'

A2a) 8.Bxc6 Erenburg,Sergey White trades his light-squared bishop with idea of capturing the d4 pawn by the queen. White's main strategical idea is to play against black's passive pair of bishops. In Sicilian variations with 3. ♗b5 black frequently gets a pair of bishops, but he has very often problem with his light-squared one... dxc6 9.Qxd4 -- → 0-1 Vydeslaver,A-Fressinet,L/Rethymnon 2003/CBM 98/[Erenburg] (40)

A2a1) 9...Qb6 10.Qh4 h6 11.Na3 Bf5 12.Re1 Qa6 13.Nd4 g5 14.Qg3 Bg6∞ ½-½ Vydeslaver,A-Kaganskiy,G/After Holidays GM, Tel Aviv ISR 2003 (42) ½-½ Vydeslaver,A-Kaganskiy,G/After Holidays GM, Tel Aviv ISR 2003 (42);

A2a2) 9...Nc7 10.Qh4 h6 11.Nbd2 Ne6 12.Re1 c5 13.Nc4 Bd7 14.Rd1 Qb8 15.Ne3 *(15.a4!?)* 15...Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Ng4 Qg7 18.Bxh6 f5 19.Bxg7 Rxh4 20.Ne5 Bb5= 1-0 Strikovic,A-Collas,D/Lisbon 2001/EXT 2002 (55);

A2a3) 9...Bf5 Black decides to solve the problem of his light-squared bishop, occupying the h7-b1 diagonal. Black tried also Black decides to solve the problem of his light-squared bishop, occupying the h7-b1 diagonal. Black tried also 10.Na3N According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. White prevents from black to change his light-squared bishop, in addition, time white is going to occupy an excelent square c4 by the knight. In the previous game white continued According to my database, this position appeared for the first time. White prevents from black to change his light-squared bishop, in addition, time white is going to occupy an excelent square c4 by the knight. In the previous game white continued *(10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Re1 Qd7 12.Nb3 Bg4 13.Nc5 Qc8 14.Qe4 b6 15.Nb3 f6 16.e6 f5 17.Qe2 Rd8 18.h3 Bh5∞* ½-½ Wians,C-Yakovich,Y/Cappelle la Grande 1993/TD (42) ½-½ Wians,C-Yakovich,Y/Cappelle la Grande 1993/TD (42)*)* 10...h6! In my opinion, it is right decision to prepare immediate g6-g5. Otherwise, after In my opinion, it is right decision to prepare immediate g6-g5. Otherwise, after *(10...0-0 11.Qh4* black's position may be vulnerable. black's position may be vulnerable.*; 10...Qb6 11.Qh4)*

A2a31) 11.Rd1 Nb6=;

A2a32) 11.Qh4 Qc7!

(11...g5);
A2a33) 11.Re1 g5 12.h3 -the game.;
A2a34) 11.h3 Prophylactic move. Anyway, black will play g6-g5, so white prevents g5-g4. Prophylactic move. Anyway, black will play g6-g5, so white prevents g5-g4.
A2a341) Deserves attention Deserves attention 11...0-0 12.Qh4 *(12.Rd1 Nb6)* 12...g5 13.Qg3 Qc7 14.Re1 Rad8 15.h4 f6∞;
A2a342) 11...g5 12.Re1 -the game. -the game. Nb6 13.h4! The only way to fight for an advantage. The only way to fight for an advantage.
A2a3421) 13...Qc7 14.hxg5 Rd8 *(14...hxg5 15.Bxg5 Rd8 16.Qf4 Qd7 17.Nd4±)* 15.Qh4±;
A2a3422) 13...Qxd4 14.Nxd4±;
A2a3423) 13...g4 14.Qf4! That is the key move, which stand behind white's 13-th move. That is the key move, which stand behind white's 13-th move.
A2a34231) Worse is Worse is 14...Qd7 15.Nd4 Be6 16.Be3 *(16.Nac2 c5 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Ne3 Bxe5 19.Qxg4 Qxg4 20.Nxg4 Bg7 21.Bf4±)* 16...Nd5 17.Qg3 b6 *(17...0-0-0 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Bxa7)* 18.Rad1↑;
A2a34232) 14...gxf3 15.Qxf5 fxg2 16.Qg4! preventing from black the castle. preventing from black the castle. Kf8 17.e6!↑ Qd5! *(17...Qe8* looks much more passive, than the move in the game. looks much more passive, than the move in the game. *)* 18.c4 *(18.Bf4!?* comes to consideration. For example: comes to consideration. For example: *fxe6 19.Rxe6)* 18...Qd3 19.exf7 Nd7! 0-1 Vydeslaver,A-Fressinet,L/Rethymnon 2003/(40) Very strong move. Black transfers the knight to much more

active position on the kingside. Very strong move. Black transfers the knight to much more active position on the kingside.;

A2b) 8.cxd4 Richard Palliser: 'Erenburg,Sergey: 'Another interesting idea is to take on c6 with the bishop, that will make possible the capture on d4 with the queen. White's strategical idea is to play against black's bishops: black's dark-squared one is limitted by the e5 pawn, while, the light-squared one doesn't have good squares:'' 8...0-0 9.Nc3 Richard Palliser: 'Erenburg,Sergey: 'White's idea is to force black to take on c3, that will strengthen white's central pawn d4.'' Richard Palliser: 'However, he can also opt for Now the position takes on certain c3 Sicilian characteristics as Black aims to undermine the white centre by pressurising e5 and c3. However, he can also opt for'

A2b1) 9...Nxc3 Now the position takes on certain c3 Sicilian characteristics as Black aims to undermine the white centre by pressurising e5 and c3. 1-0 Krayz,A-Golod, V/Givatayim 1998/CBM 65/ [Golod,V] (79) Erenburg, Sergey: 'The alternative could be moving the knight with the tempo:' 10.bxc3 d6

A2b11) although White has an important alternative in Clarifying the central situation, although White has an important alternative in 11.Re1 transposing to our next game. Erenburg, Sergey: '!?' '!?' Erenburg, Sergey: '-- → 0-1 Safin,S-Shariyazdanov,A/Dubai 2001/CBM 083/[Gershon] (36) ' transposing to our next game. Erenburg, Sergey: '!?' Erenburg, Sergey: '-- → 0-1 Safin,S-Shariyazdanov,A/Dubai 2001/CBM 083/[Gershon] (36) ' dxe5?! Erenburg, Sergey 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Nxe5± with following ♙a3 and pressure on the e7 pawn.;

A2b12) 11.e6 fxe6 12.Bd3 Qa5 13.Qb3 Qd5 14.Bc4 Qf5 15.Qd1 d5 16.Bd3 Qh5 17.Be2 Qf5 18.Ba3⩲ Zagema,W-Kuijf,M/Leeuwarden op 1995 Zagema,W-Kuijf,M/ Leeuwarden op 1995 *(18.Bd3)*;

A2b13) 11.exd6 Clarifying the central situation, Erenburg, Sergey: 'White has the option of strengthening the e5 pawn by ♖e1:'

A2b131) although Covering e5, although 11...Qxd6 is a reasonable

alternative for Black when White usually tries to bring his bishop to a3 and 12.a4! *(12.Re1* Erenburg, Sergey *a6 13.Bxc6 Qxc6=* ½-½ Nevednichy,V-Smetankin,S/Avoine 2002/CBM 89 ext (23). (23) *)*

A2b1311) 12...Bf5!? Erenburg,Sergey 13.Ba3 Qc7 14.Re1 Bf6 15.Qd2 Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: ' ± " Rad8 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qh6 Rfe8 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 Be6 20.Bc5 Rd5 21.Qh4 Rh5 22.Qg3 Qd7 23.Rab1± Bronstein,D-Boleslavsky,I/URS-ch24 1957/½-½ (88) Kg7 24.Rb8 Rxb8 25.Qxb8 a5 Bronstein,D-Boleslavsky,I/URS-ch24 1957/URS-ch/ ½-½ (88) Bronstein, D-Boleslavsky,I/URS-ch24 1957/URS-ch/½-½ (88);

A2b1312) 12...Rd8?! Erenburg,Sergey 13.Ba3 *(13.Re1 Qc7 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Bh4 a6 16.Bd3 Na5 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Bg3 Qd7 19.Ne5 Qe8 20.Qf3 Bd5* ½-½ Antonio,R-Mohr,G/Erevan olm 1996/EXT 96ch2 ½-½ Antonio,R-Mohr,G/Erevan olm 1996/EXT 96ch2*)* 13...Qc7 14.Re1 e6 *(14...Bf6!=* Bielczyk-Marinsek/Pula/1989 *)* 15.Ng5 Fedorovicz-Dlugy/USA/1988 b6? *(15...a6!? 16.Bf1 b6∞)* 16.Nxf7! Rd5 *(16...Kxf7? 17.Qf3+)* 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Qf3 Bd7 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5± 1-0 Fedorowicz,J-Dlugy,M/USA-ch 1988 (42);

A2b1313) 12...Bg4!? Erenburg,Sergey 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Rfc8 15.Ba3 *(15.Re1 e6 16.Bf4±* Smirin-Zilberman/Israel/1991*)* 15...Qc7 16.Rfe1 e6± 17.Rab1 Nd8 18.Rb3 a6 19.Be2 Qa5 20.Reb1 Qxa4 21.Be7 b5 22.Ra3 Qc2 23.Bd3 Qd2 24.Rd1 Qb2 25.Rb1 Qd2 26.Rd1 Qb2 *(26...Qh6? 27.Bxb5±)* 27.Rb1= ½-½ Kovalevskaya,

E-Vokarev,S/Komercni Banka op 1997;

A2b1314) 12...a6 Erenburg,Sergey: '(Sutovsky,Emil) Ü 60/(161)' 13.Ba3 Qc7 14.Bxc6 Qxc6! *(14...bxc6 15.Re1 Re8 16.Ne5 Be6 17.Qd3 Rad8 18.Qg3 Bd5 19.Rab1 f6 20.Nd3 Qxg3 21.hxg3 e5* ½-½ Kruszynski,W-Bator,R/Gistrup 1992 / ½-½ Kruszynski,W-Bator,R/Gistrup 1992*)* 15.Bxe7 Re8 16.d5□ Qxc3 was the sharp continuation of L. Fressinet-C.Paci, Montpellier 2001. After 17.Rc1 Qa5∞ Ardeleanu,A-Cabrilo,G/Star Dojran 1994; 60/(161) Ardeleanu,A-Cabrilo,G/Star Dojran 1994;60/(161) 18.d6 Bd7 19.Qb3 the position was rather tense, although Black shouldn't be worse after Rogozenko's Bc6 .;

A2b132) 11...exd6± Covering e5, Yakovich Yakovich Erenburg, Sergey: 'Black could get the pawn structure with white's hanging pawns, where white didn't achieve anything special yet:' 12.Bg5! As Sutovsky explains in his notes to this game in 'New in Chess' White has numerous options here, but his aggressive choice does appear to be best. Erenburg, Sergey: 'completing the development with the tempo. White has tried the following continuations as well:' *(12.Re1!?* Erenburg, Sergey *Qa5! 13.Qa4!? Bg4!∞* --⟶ 1-0 Krayz,A-Golod,V/Givatayim 1998/CBM 065/[Golod, V] (79)*; 12.Bf4!?* Erenburg,Sergey *Ne7 13.Bc4 Bg4 14.h3 Rc8 15.Bb3 Be6 16.Rc1 Nd5 17.Bg5 Bf6 18.Bh6 Re8∞* Matanovic,A-Bouaziz,S/Sousse izt 1967/½-½ (48)*; 12.a4?!* Erenburg,Sergey Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '!?'' *Bf5 13.Re1 a6 14.Bd3 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 Rc8 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Nd2 h6 18.Bf4 Na5 19.Ne4 d5 20.Nc5 Qc6 21.Rab1 Rfe8 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.h3 Re7∓* Schoeneberg,M-Pfretzschner,R/BL2-

O9697 1997/0-1 (60) *)*

A2b1321)

Worth consideration: 12...Qa5 Erenburg, Sergey , which wasn't checked on practice... 13.Qa4 *(13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Be7 Re8 15.Bxd6 Qxc3 16.Rc1 Qa5=)* 13...Qxa4 14.Bxa4±;

A2b1322) 12...Qc7

A2b13221) 13.Qd2 (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil a6 14.Bd3 Bg4 *(14...Be6!?)* 15.Be4 Qd7=;

A2b13222) 13.Re1 h6 Erenburg, Sergey: 'N' 'N' Erenburg,Sergey: 'In the preceding game black continued' *(* Black later deviated with *13...Bd7* and obtained a reasonable position after *14.h3 Rfe8 15.Qb3 a6 16.Bd3 Be6! 17.Qa3 Bd5* in P.Svidler-P.Leko, Monaco (rapid) 2005. Sutovsky suggests 14 Qd2!? as an improvement, whilst it's noticeable that in the game he doesn't rush to commit his queen to d2 and is soon able to employ her better elsewhere.*;* *13...a6* Erenburg, Sergey *14.Ba4 Bd7 15.Nd2 h6 16.Bf4 Na5 17.Ne4 Bxa4 18.Qxa4 Nc4 19.Qb4 Rfd8 20.Rab1* ½-½ Kuzmin,G-Zubarev,A/Donetsk 1998/CBM 068 (20) *)* 14.Bf4

A2b132221)

Black could also have tried to defend actively on the kingside with 14...g5?! 15.Bg3 *(15.Bxg5!?* Erenburg,Sergey *hxg5 16.Nxg5⩱)* 15...f5 , but then Sutovsky's brilliant 16.Bc4+ Kh7 17.Re8!! Rxe8 *(17...Bd7* Erenburg,Sergey *18.Nxg5+ hxg5 19.Qh5+ Bh6 20.Bf7!!+-)* 18.Nxg5+ gives White a very strong attack.

A2b1322211)

18...hxg5 Erenburg,Sergey 19.Qh5+ Bh6 20.Qxe8 Qd8

(20...Qg7 21.Bxd6 Qh8! 22.Re1! Qxe8 23.Rxe8)

A2b13222111)

21.Bg8+ Kh8 22.Qg6 Qxg8 23.Qxh6+ Sutovsky,Emil: '=' Erenburg,Sergey: '=' Richard Palliser: '=' Qh7 24.Qxg5 *(24.Qf8+ Qg8 25.Qh6+=)* 24...Bd7 25.Bxd6 Re8∞;

A2b13222112)

21.Qf7+ Bg7 Sutovsky,Emil: '=' Erenburg,Sergey: '=' Richard Palliser: '=' 22.Re1 *(22.Qh5+ Bh6 23.Qf7+ Bg7=; 22.f4!? ⩲g4 23.Qh5+ Bh6 24.Bh4→)* 22...Qf6 23.Qh5+ Qh6 24.Qf7 Qg6 25.Qg8+ Kh6 26.f4 g4 27.Bh4 Bxd4+ 28.cxd4 Qxg8 29.Bxg8 Kg7 30.Bc4+-;

A2b1322212)

18...Kh8 Erenburg,Sergey 19.Qh5! Qd7 20.Bxd6 b5! *(20...b6 21.Qg6 hxg5 22.Bf8!!+-)* 21.Bd5 Bb7 22.Qg6 hxg5 23.Bf7 Qxd6 24.Qxd6±;

A2b132222)

14...Ne7 Erenburg,Sergey: 'improving the position of the knight. Now black can transfer it to d5 either to f5.' 15.Qb3 Erenburg, Sergey: '!' '!' Erenburg,Sergey: 'White has chosen the best location for the queen. From here it takes control over the a2-g8 diagonal, protects the c3 pawn, can press along the "b" file, and can put the pressure on the d6 pawn from b4.' g5?! Erenburg, Sergey: 'The only way to drive away the bishop from the h2-b8 diagonal.' *(15...Bg4* Erenburg,Sergey plays in white's hands: *16.Nd2±; 15...Bf5* Erenburg,Sergey *16.Nh4!±)*

A2b1322221)

16.Qc4 Erenburg, Sergey Qd8 17.Bg3 *(17.Nxg5 a6)* 17...Nf5=;

A2b1322222)

16.Bxg5

(Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil hxg5 17.Nxg5 Bf5 18.Re3 *(18.Qd1!?)* 18...d5 19.Rae1 Bf6!∓;

A2b1322223)

16.Bg3 (Erenburg, Sergey) Sutovsky, Emil Nf5 17.Bd3±;

A2b1322224)

16.Nxg5! Erenburg,Sergey: '?!' '?!' Erenburg, Sergey: 'Typical Emil's sacrifice! It was the only way to fight for an advantage. Objectively, this move isn't the best, but in practice, it is extremely difficult for black to parry white's attack.'

A2b13222241)

Probably, after 16...Ng6! Erenburg,Sergey Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '!!'' black succeeds to neutralize white's initiative and to get an obvious advantage.

A2b132222411)

17.Be3 hxg5 18.Bxg5

A2b1322224111)

18...Be6! (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil 19.Qb4!? *(19.Qc2 Qa5!; 19.Rxe6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Qf7 21.Qxf7+ Rxf7 22.Bc4 Rc8 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7∓)* 19...a6 20.Bd3 Rfe8 21.h4⩲;

A2b1322224112)

18...Bf5 (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil 19.h4!⩲;

A2b1322224113)

18...Qa5!∓;

A2b132222412)

17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Nxf7 Rxf7 19.Re8+ Bf8 20.Bc4 Qf4-+;

A2b132222413)

17.Bd2 (Erenburg, Sergey) Sutovsky, Emil hxg5;

A2b132222414)

17.Nxf7 Nxf4 Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '!!'' 18.Nxd6+ Kh8 Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: ' ∓'' 19.Ne8 *(19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Re3 Rfd8∓)* 19...Qd8 20.Nxg7 *(20.Re3 a6)* 20...Qg5∓;

A2b13222242)

16...hxg5 Erenburg,Sergey: '?' '?' 17.Bxg5

A2b132222421)

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compensation in any case, such as with Sutovsky doesn't need any invitation to add further wood to the fire, although White had dangerous compensation in any case, such as with 17...Ng6 18.h4! Erenburg, Sergey: ' ♕ !' Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil' *(18.Bd3* Erenburg,Sergey *Qa5!∞* Erenburg, Sergey: 'Sutovsky, Emil: '!'' after all of them there isn't a clear way to develop a dangerous attack against black's monarch. *)* 18...Bg4 19.Bd3 Kh8 20.f3 Bd7 21.h5 Qa5 22.f4! f6 23.Bxg6 fxg5 24.Re7 (Notkin).;
A2b132222422)
17...Nc6!?
Erenburg,Sergey;
A2b132222423)
17...Nf5
Erenburg,Sergey 18.Bd3 Erenburg, Sergey: 'Sutovsky, Emil: ' ♕' Sutovsky, Emil: 'ɣg8'' Qa5∞;
A2b132222424)
17...Be6
Sutovsky doesn't need any invitation to add further wood to the fire, Erenburg,Sergey: '?' '?' Erenburg, Sergey: 'Another unsuccessful decision. The following continuations come to consideration:' 18.Rxe6!
Erenburg,Sergey: 'Another sacrifice! All white's pieces are active, while black's ones are paralized, that, promise good prospects for wihte's attack!' fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Rf7 *(19...Kh8* Erenburg,Sergey *20.Bxe7±)* 20.Re1 Erenburg,Sergey: '♕' '♕' Erenburg, Sergey: 'Sutovsky, Emil: '!'' Erenburg, Sergey: 'White has three pawns for a rook, he dominates the board... Black is paralized due to many pins. All these factors promise white more than sufficient compensation.'
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chance was 20...Nc6 Erenburg,Sergey 21.Bc4 Raf8 22.Bf4 *(22.Bb3 Qa5 23.Qg6 Qxc3 24.Bxf7+ Rxf7 25.Re8+ Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qf5+=; 22.Qg6 Ne5!* This is the difference! Here white's bishop is located on c4, that makes possible this last black's move! *23.Bxf7+ Qxf7=)* 22...Nd8 23.Qd5 Qd7 24.Qxd6±;

A2b1322224242)

20...Qxc3 (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil 21.Bxe7 Qxd4 22.Bc4 *(22.Bxd6 Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Kh8 24.Qh3+ Kg8 25.Bg3 Qf5∞)* 22...Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Re8 24.Rd1! Qf4 25.Bxd6! Rxe6 26.Bxf4 Re4 *(26...Rxf4 27.Bxe6+ Kh7 28.g4±)* 27.Bxf7+ Kxf7 28.g3±;

A2b1322224243)

20...a6 Erenburg, Sergey: '?' '?' Erenburg,Sergey: 'plays in white's hands. Black moves white's light-squared bishop to b3, where black cannot eliminate it.. ' 21.Ba4 Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '!'' *(21.Bc4* (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil *d5 22.Bb3 Kf8∞)*

A2b13222242431)

Black doesn't survive after 21...Kf8 Erenburg,Sergey 22.Bd7! *(22.Bd1!? Nc6 23.Bh5 Kg8 24.Bf4 Nd8 25.Qb3 Kh8 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Bxf7 Nxf7 28.Qxf7±)* 22...Qd8! *(22...Re8 23.Re3!→ d5 24.Bh6 Rd8 25.Bxg7+ Kxg7 26.Rg3+ Qxg3 27.hxg3+-)* 23.Qg4 *(23.f4!+-* (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil*)* 23...Bf6 24.Be6 Bxg5 25.Bxf7

A2b132222424311)

25...Bd2 26.Qf3 Kg7 *(26...Bxe1 27.Bg6+ Kg7 28.Qf7+ Kh6 29.Qh7+ Kg5 30.h4+ Kf4 31.Qh6+ Kg4*

32.Qg5#) 27.Re4+-;
A2b132222424312) 25...Kxf7 26.Qxg5 Qd7 27.Qh5+ Kg8 28.Re3+-;
A2b13222242432) 21...Nc6 22.Bb3 Erenburg,Sergey: '→'' →' Erenburg, Sergey: ' → ' Erenburg,Sergey: 'Even Fritz doesn't find the way to protect black's monarch after this move!' d5 *(* White has superbly judged that he has time to calmly bring his rook into the attack and Filippov never had a satisfactory defence, such as here *22...Kf8* would have allowed a neat finish with Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil' *23.Bf4* Erenburg, Sergey: '!' *Rd8 24.Bxd6+!* . However, giving up his d-pawn fails to save him and Sutovsky h-pawn's pawn soon decides this superb game for him: Erenburg, Sergey: '+-!'; *22...Raf8* Erenburg,Sergey *23.Qg6+-* Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '+-!' Sutovsky,Emil: ' **Δ** Bc2'' and now black hasn't enough time to eliminate white's light-squared bishop. *)* 23.Bxd5 Kf8 *(23...Raf8* Erenburg,Sergey doesn't help too much: *24.Qg6 Qa5 25.Bxf7+ Rxf7 26.Re8+ Rf8 27.Bh6 Qc7 28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.Qh7 Qf7 30.Qh8++-)* 24.Qg6 Erenburg,Sergey: '!' '!' Erenburg, Sergey: 'White doesn't hurry and creates new threats, as black is absolutely paralized.'
A2b132222424321) 24...Rd7 Erenburg,Sergey 25.Bb3+-;
A2b132222424322) 24...Qd7 Erenburg,Sergey 25.Be6 Qc7 *(25...Qe8* (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil *26.Qh7+-)* 26.Qh7!+-;
A2b132222424323) 24...Re8 25.Rxe8+

Kxe8 26.h4! Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '+-!'' Erenburg, Sergey: 'adding the pawn for an attack, and, at the same time, preparing the h2 square for the king.' Kf8 27.h5 Qd7 *(27...Rd7* Erenburg,Sergey *28.Be6+-)* 28.Be6 Ne5!? Erenburg, Sergey: 'Sutovsky, Emil: '!?'' *(* Doesn't change anything: *28...Qc7* Erenburg,Sergey *29.h6 Bh8 30.Bc1! Ke8 31.h7+-)* 29.dxe5 Erenburg,Sergey: '+-' '+-' Erenburg, Sergey: 'Now white has an obvious material advantage, as well as his attack is extremely dangerous. Therefore, black is absolutely hopefull. ' Qd1+ 30.Kh2 Bxe5+ *(30...Rxf2* (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil *31.Bf6 Rxf6 32.exf6 Qd6+ 33.g3 Qd2+ 34.Kh3)* 31.f4! Erenburg,Sergey: 'Sutovsky,Emil: '!'' Bxf4+ *(31...Rxf4* Erenburg,Sergey *32.Qg8#)* 32.Bxf4 Rxf4 33.Qh6+ Ke7 34.Qxf4 Kxe6 *(34...Qxh5+* (Erenburg,Sergey) Sutovsky,Emil *35.Bh3)* 35.Qe4+ Kd6 *(35...Kf7* Erenburg,Sergey *36.Qf3++-)* 36.Qd4+ Erenburg,Sergey: 'trading the queens and getting a winning ♙♙ endgame.' Qxd4 37.cxd4 Ke7 38.d5 1-0 (38) Sutovsky, E-Filippov,V Moscow 2005 [Richard Palliser] Erenburg,Sergey: 'Great victory by the winner of Aeroflot open!';

A2b2) 9...Nc7 Richard Palliser: 'when practice has repeatedly shown that 10 Ba4 d6! offers Black sufficient counterplay, but he has begun to come under some pressure after'

A2b21) 10.Bf4 . Following Nxb5 11.Nxb5 a6 12.Nc3 d6 13.exd6 Black can't recapture any longer with his queen and so White hopes that his knight-pair will find good roles in this symmetrical structure.

Filippov had thus previously tried

A2b211) Black must fall back on 13...exd6 14.h3 Re8 , but he's still to fully equalise and he didn't manage to after 15.Qd2 d5 *(15...Bf5 16.Rfe1 Qd7 17.Bh6 Bh8 18.Qf4 d5 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qc6 21.Rac1 Qc4 22.Ne4 Qxa2 23.Nd6±*

Fierro Baquero,M-Ghorbani,M/ol (men) 1998/1-0 (49) Fierro Baquero,M-Ghorbani, M/ol (men) 1998/1-0 (49) *)* 16.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Be6 18.Ne5! Rc8 19.Nxc6 Rxc6 20.Be5! in A.Kornev-A. Bakutin, Tula 2004;

A2b212) 13...Bg4!? , but , but 14.d5 Nd4 15.Qe1! Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 e5 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Qd2 left the extra white d6-pawn as the most important feature of the position in Y. Quezada-V.Filippov, Merida 2003.;

A2b22) 10.Ba4 (Erenburg,Sergey) -- → ½-½ Pedzich,D-Yakovich, Y/Swidnica 1999/CBM 71/ [Smirin] (50) d6 11.Bxc6 *(11.h3 dxe5 12.dxe5 Qxd1 13.Rxd1 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bg5 Bxc3 16.bxc3 b5 17.Bc2 Bb7 18.Bxe7 Rfe8 19.Rd7 Nd5 20.Rxb7 Rxe7* Ardeleanu,A-Dumitrache,D/ROM-ch 1996/ ½-½ (35) Ardeleanu,A-Dumitrache, D/ROM-ch 1996/ ½-½ (35) *)* 11...bxc6 12.Qa4 *(12.Re1 Bg4∞)*

A2b221) Deserved serious attention interesting idea of GM E.Volzhin Deserved serious attention interesting idea of GM E.Volzhin 12...Rb8!?N 13.exd6 *(13.Qxa7? Ba6! 14.exd6 exd6-+ 15.Rd1 Rb7; 13.Qxc6?! Bb7 14.Qa4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 dxe5∓)* 13...Qxd6 14.Ne4 Qd5 15.Re1 Bf5 16.Nc3 Qd6 17.Bg5 *(⌓17.b3!? Ne6 18.Ba3∞)* 17...Ne6∓ Kovalevskaya,E-Volzhin,A/RUS-Cup6 1997 (32) Kovalevskaya,E-Volzhin,A/RUS-Cup6 1997 (32);

A2b222) 12...Bd7 13.exd6 exd6 14.Bg5 f6 15.Bf4 Be8 16.Ne4 Nb5∞ Rupeni,F-Williams,A/Berlin tt 1980/MCD-r8/½-½ (48) Rupeni,F-Williams,A/ Berlin tt 1980/MCD-r8/ ½-½ (48);

A2b223) 12...Qd7

13.Re1 Ne6 14.exd6 exd6 15.Be3 Rb8 16.Qc2 Qb7 *(16...f5!? 17.Ng5 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Ne6 Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Bxe6 21.Rd1 Be5 22.Qd2 f4∞)* 17.b3 Qb4 18.Rac1 Bb7 19.a3

A2b2231) 19...Qxa3!? 20.Ra1 Qb4 21.Ra4 *(21.Rxa7 Ra8)* 21...Qb6 22.d5 Nc5 23.b4 Nxa4 24.Bxb6 Nxb6 25.dxc6 Bxc6∞;

A2b2232) 19...Qa5 20.b4 Qf5!? *(Doesn't works Doesn't works 20...Qxa3 21.Ra1 Qxb4 22.Reb1 Qc4 23.Ra4+-)*

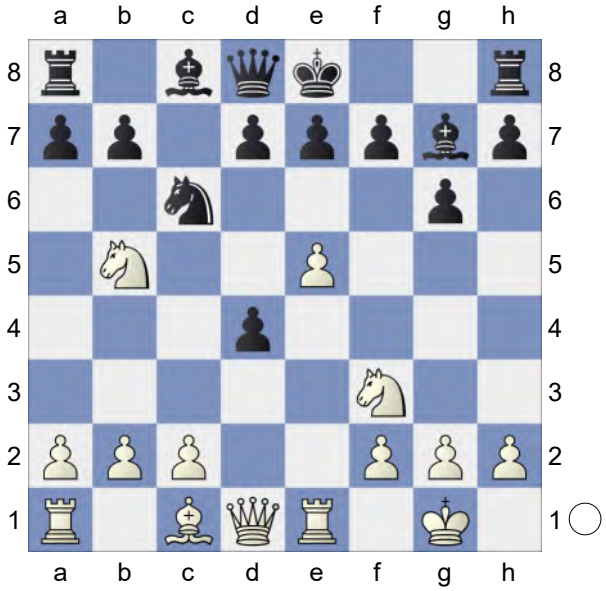
A2b22321) 21.Qxf5!? gxf5 22.d5 *(22.Ne2±)* 22...cxd5 23.Red1 Rfc8 24.Nxd5 Rxc1 25.Bxc1±;

A2b22322) 21.Qd2 a5 22.Bh6 axb4 23.axb4 Bxh6 24.Qxh6 Qf4 25.Qxf4 Nxf4 26.Re3 Ba6 27.Ra1 Bc4∓ ½-½ Pedzich,D-Yakovich,Y/Swidnica 1999/(50) Sicilian Rossolimo-4.00 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.e5 Survey 2005 Lexikon05 [Horvath, Ta] ½-½ Pedzich,D-Yakovich,Y/Swidnica 1999/ (50);

A2b23) 10.Bg5!? h6 *(10...d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Qa4↑)* 11.Bh4 g5 *(11...Nxb5* Horvath,T *12.Nxb5 a6 13.Nd6!?* Smirin-Vyzmanavin/Groningen/1993 *g5 14.Bxg5 hxg5 15.Nxg5 f6∞)* 12.Bg3 Nxb5 13.Nxb5 a6 14.Nc3 d6 15.d5! The simple The simple *(15.exd6 exd6* could even give Black advantage. *16.d5 Ne7∓; 15.Re1?* Horvath,T *Bg4 16.h3 Bh5* Der Anziehende hat große Schwierigkeiten mit dem Punkt "d4". Leventic-Lanka/Portoroz/ 1994 Der Anziehende hat große Schwierigkeiten mit dem Punkt "d4". Leventic-Lanka/Portoroz/ 1994 *)* 15...Nxe5 16.Nxe5 dxe5 *(16...Bxe5 17.f4±*) 17.Re1 f6 18.Qb3 Kh8 19.Rad1 b5 20.f3 Qc7?! 21.Rc1 f5 22.Ne4 Qb6+ 23.Nc5 0-1 Adams,M-Illescas Cordoba,M/ Madrid 1996/ (42);

B) 5...Nc7 6.Nc3 *(* Another type of the position would have arised after: Another type of the position would have arised after: *6.Bxc6 dxc6)* 6...g6

B1) 7.Re1!? △Nxb5? Tombant dans le piège. Tombant dans le piège. *(* Il fallait se contenter de Il fallait se contenter de *⌓7...Bg7)* 8.Nxb5 Mon adversaire avait certainement décelé la possibilité du sacrifice en d6, mais n'y croyait manifestement pas ... Mon adversaire avait certainement décelé la possibilité du sacrifice en d6, mais n'y croyait manifestement pas ... Bg7 9.d4↻ Menaçant d5-d6 avec étouffement. Mena&ant d5-d6 avec étouffement. cxd4 *(9...Nxd4* aurait entraîné l'invasion de la 7e rangée après aurait entraîné l'invasion de la 7e rangée après *10.Nfxd4 cxd4 11.Nd6+↑)*



♘ 10.Nd6+! Coucou! Coucou!

B1a) Immédiatement fatal serait Immédiatement fatal serait 10...exd6 11.Bg5! Qa5 12.exd6+ Ne5 *(12...Kf8 13.Qe2 Kg8 14.Qe8+ Bf8 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.Bh6+ Kg8 17.Re8#)* 13.Nxe5 *(13.Be7 f6)* 13...0-0 14.Qxd4 avec l'avantage d'un pion et d'une position écrasante. avec l'avantage d'un pion et d'une position écrasante.;

B1b) 10...Kf8 La meilleure chance. Les Noirs misent sur leur pion de plus pour espérer résister. La meilleure chance. Les Noirs misent sur leur pion de plus pour espérer résister. 11.Nb5± 1-0 Winants,L-Abbink,M/Haarlem 1997/ (18) Le plus simple. Le Roi noir étant privé du roque, le Cavalier rebrousse chemin pour récupérer le matériel investi (12.♘bxd4). Le plus simple. Le Roi noir étant privé du roque, le Cavalier rebrousse chemin pour récupérer le matériel investi (12.♘bxd4).;

B2) 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.d3

B2a) 9...d5 10.exd6 exd6 *(10...Qxd6? 11.Ne4±)* 11.Bg5 Qd7 12.Bd5 *(12.Qd2!?)* 12...Ne6?! *(12...b6)* 13.Bd2 Ne7 14.a4 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 b6 16.Bc3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Kg7 18.c4± 1-0 Sarakauskas,G-Mrna,V/Litomysl 1997/(19);

B2b) 9...b6 10.a3N In my view this move is sensless, since ♘a5-c4 is not in my plans. Other alternatives are: In my view this move is sensless, since ♘a5-c4 is not in my plans. Other alternatives are: *(10.Bg5 d5 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Qe2 Be6 13.Rad1 Nd4 14.Nxd4 cxd4 15.Ne4 Qd7 16.Nd2 b5 17.Bb3 a5=*

0-1 Horner,J-Johansen,D/ Southport 1983/ (56)*; 10.Bf4 Ne6 11.Bg3 Bb7 12.Ne4 Ned4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Bf4 Nf5 15.Qg4 d5 16.exd6 Nxd6 17.Nxd6 exd6 18.c3 d5=* ½-½ Pfleger,H-Manasterski,L/Polanica Zdroj 1971/ (52) ½-½ Pfleger,H-Manasterski,L/Polanica Zdroj 1971/ (52)*; 10.Nd5 Bb7 11.Bg5 Re8 12.a3 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Qc7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Bh6 Bh8 18.Re4 Rac8 19.Rae1 Rc5∞* ½-½ Ricardi,P-Silva,S/Manila 1992/TD (66) ½-½ Ricardi,P-Silva,S/Manila 1992/TD (66)*)* 10...d5 11.exd6 Qxd6! This is the difference, now black can take with queen, as c5-pawn is protected and ♘e4 is not dangerous. So we can make aconclusion, that black easily solved all his opening problems and got a comfortable play. This is the difference, now black can take with queen, as c5-pawn is protected and ♘e4 is not dangerous. So we can make aconclusion, that black easily solved all his opening problems and got a comfortable play. *(11...exd6 12.Nd5=)*

B2b1) ⌓12.Ne4 Qd8 13.c3 Be6 with equal chances with equal chances *(13...Bg4 14.Neg5 e6 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Qd6=)*;

B2b2) 12.Ng5?! h6! *(12...Nd4 13.Nce4 Qd7 14.c3 Nc6 15.Qe2 Bb7=)* 13.Nge4 Qd8 Very important, after the inaccurate 13... ♕d7 black cannot move the e-pawn, in this case white has the idea of ♗h6. Very important, after the inaccurate 13...♕d7 black cannot move the e-pawn, in this case white has the idea of ♗h6. 14.h4? My opponent completely overestimated his chance, white is not ready for such a desperate attack. My opponent completely overestimated his chance, white is not ready for such a desperate attack. *(⌓14.Be3 e6 15.Qd2 Kh7 16.Rab1 f5 17.Ng3 e5 18.f4∓)* 14...e6∓ Very important move in black's strategy, which helps black to shut out white's light-squared bishop for a long time. Very important move in black's strategy, which helps black to shut out white's light-squared bishop for a long time. 15.h5

B2b21) Avoiding unnecessary complications after Avoiding unnecessary complications after 15...f5 16.hxg6 *(16.Nd2 g5∓)* 16...fxe4 17.Nxe4! *(17.Qh5 Qf6 18.Nxe4 Qf5!-+)* 17...Ne5 18.Qh5;

B2b22) 15...g5

B2b221) 16.Bd2 f5

17.Ng3 and now black has two options: and now black has two options: Ne5 (or positional or positional *17...Kh8* with clear advantage with clear advantage) 18.Bb3 f4 19.Nge4 f3 with dangerous attack with dangerous attack;

B2b222) 16.f4?! g4 Now it becomes clear, that white's strategy ended up in complete disaster. Black needs only to play f7-f5 in order to get strategically winning position, so white decided to complicate the game somehow. Now it becomes clear, that white's strategy ended up in complete disaster. Black needs only to play f7-f5 in order to get strategically winning position, so white decided to complicate the game somehow. 17.Qxg4 *(17.Nf2 f5 18.Bd2 Qh4∓)* 17...f5 18.Qg3

B2b2221)

Also winning Also winning 18...fxe4 19.f5 *(19.Nxe4 Nd4!)* 19...Kh8!;

B2b2222) 18...Nd4 19.Ng5 Nxc2 *(19...hxg5 20.fxg5 Nxc2 21.Bf4* with some activity with some activity*)* 20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.Bxe6+ Nxe6 22.Rxe6 Nxa1 23.Rxh6 Rf6! 0-1 Dzhumaev,M-Avrukh,B/Nikea 2003/ (29);

C) 5...a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Ng5 Qc7 8.c4 Nb4 9.a3 Nd3 10.Nxf7 Rg8 11.Qf3 Qd7 12.Nd6+ exd6 13.Qxd3 dxe5 14.Qxh7 Qf7 15.Re1 Be6 16.Qd3 Rd8 17.Qg3 Bd6 18.Nc3 e4 19.Qe3 Bxh2+ 20.Kxh2 Rh8+ 21.Kg1 Qh5 22.f4 1-0 Sutovsky,E-Morozevich,A/West Bromwich 2004/ (32)]

5...Nc7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.h3 g6

[7...Bf5 8.d3 e6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Qd2 0-0 12.0-0-0 Rad8 13.g4 Bg6 14.h4 f5 15.h5 Be8 16.g5 c4 17.Qe2 cxd3 18.Rxd3 Rxd3 19.Qxd3 Nd5 20.Nxd5 cxd5 21.g6 hxg6 22.hxg6 Bxg6 23.Rg1 Bh5 24.Ng5 Bg4 25.Rxg4 1-0 Kobalija,M-Tregubov,P/playchess.com INT 2004/ (25)]

8.0-0 Bg7 9.Re1 0-0 10.d3 Ne6 11.Ne4 f5 12.exf6 exf6 13.Rb1 b6 14.b3 a5 15.a4 Ra7 16.Bb2 Re7 17.Qd2 Nd4 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Ng3 c5 20.Rxe7 Qxe7 21.Re1 Qd6 22.Bc1 f5 23.Qf4 1-0 Adams,M-Kramnik,V/Las Vegas 1999/ (60)

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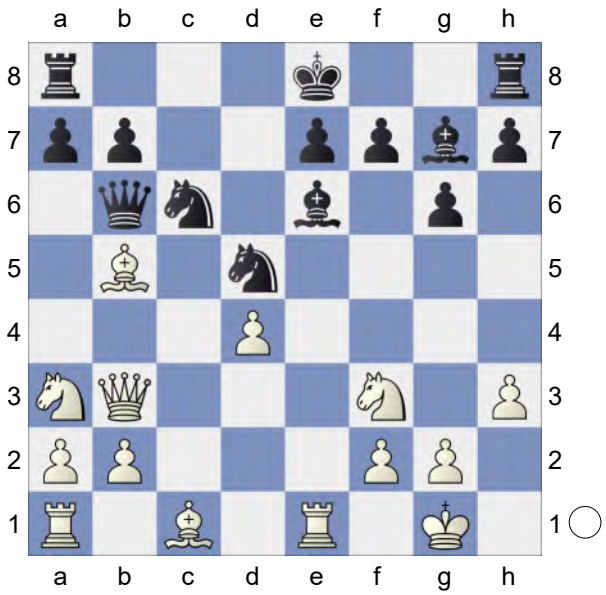
□ **Haag,Erwin**
■ **Koranyi**
Budapest 1953
[Kitty Kat]

B31: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 Vasiukov, E: 'Inf 20/370' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5**
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...g6N
[3...e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 Rfe8 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]
4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Qb6 0.76/24
[5...e5± 0.36/20 should be considered.]
6.Na3 d6 7.h3 Bd7 8.c3 White is slightly better. **8...Nf6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Qb3 Be6**



13.Rxe6 -0.77/22 **fxe6∓ 14.Ng5** -1.93/25
[14.Nc4∓ -0.75/19 was called for. Qc7 15.Bxc6+ Qxc6 16.Nce5]
14...Kd7?? 2.56/21
[14...Bxd4? 15.Nxe6 Bxf2+ 16.Kh1+-]
[14...0-0-+ -1.93/25 and life is good for Black. 15.Nxe6 Nxd4 16.Qxd5 Rf5 *(16...Qxe6? 17.Qxe6+ Nxe6 18.Bc4-+; 16...Nxe6 17.Be3=)*]
15.Nc4+- Qc7

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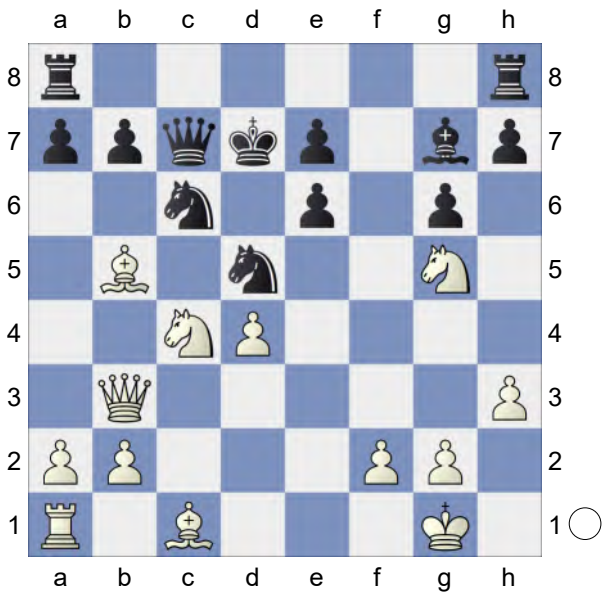
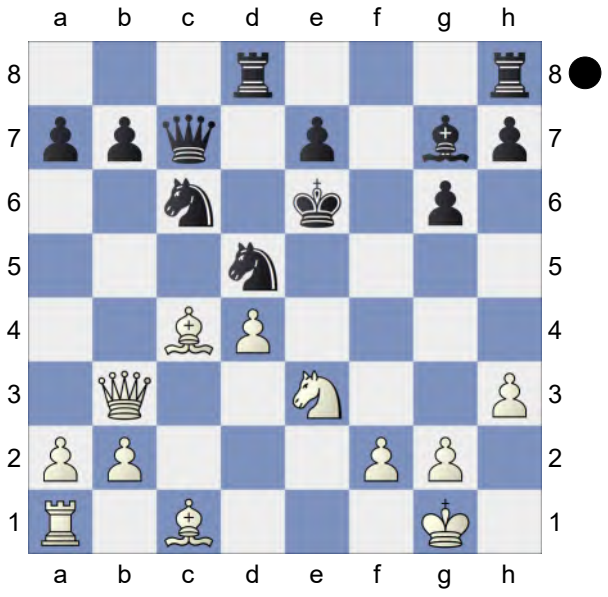


16.Nxe6?? -1.61/17 **Kxe6-+** **17.Ne3** **Rad8** -1.06/18

[17...Nxd4 18.Qxd5+ Kf6 19.Ng4#]

[17...Rhd8-+ -1.78/23 18.Bc4 Nxd4 19.Nxd5 Qc5 *(19...Nxb3 20.Nxc7+ Kd7 21.axb3∓)* 20.Ne3+ Kd7 21.Qxb7+ Ke8]

18.Bc4∓



Qa5 1.54/22

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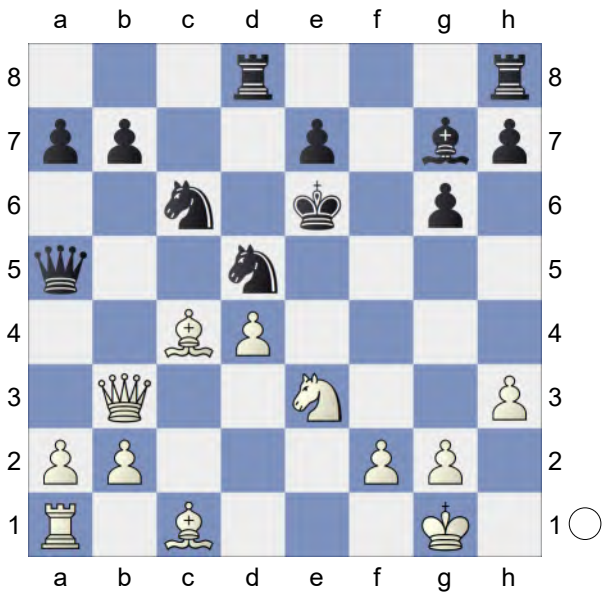

19.Bd2! 0.13/22 **Qxd2=** The position is equal. **20.Bxd5+** **Kf6** White must now prevent ...Bh6. **21.Ng4+** **Kg5** **22.h4+** **Kh5!**

[22...Kxg4 23.Qf3+ Kxh4 24.Qg3+ Kh5 25.Bf3+ Kh6 26.Qh4#]

23.Qf3 White threatens Ne5+ and mate.

23...Nxd4

[Not 23...Kxh4 24.Nh2 Ne5 25.dxe5]

[Worse is 23...Qxd4 24.Ne5+ *(24.Bxc6? loses. Qxg4 25.Qf7 bxc6-+)* 24...Kxh4 25.g3+ Kh3 26.Qh1#]

24.Nf6+ **Kh6!** **25.Ng4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/Black=0.63

½-½